



## 2 NCNW Women Praised For Work In Education

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The National President, Mrs. Vivian National Council of Negro Women C. Mason.

en gave high praise to two of its Dr. Margaret J. Butcher, mem- outstanding members in a state- ber of District of Columbia Board ment released this week by the- of Education and the Education

Department of the NCNW and Dr. Arenia C. Mallory, first vice-presi- dent of the NCNW and principal of Saint Industrial School at Lex- ington, Miss. were hailed for "dis- tinguished services in the cause of human welfare."

### CAMPAIGN CITED

Dr. Butcher was praised for con- ducting a relentless campaign for better educational facilities for Negro children. She has cited book, verse and chapter in her one-wom- an campaign for better education for Negroes.

Dr. Mallory is a ~~forceful~~ force- ful educator who has achieved astounding results in her one-wom- an campaign in the field of race relations in the state of Missis- sippi.

By a quiet campaign of educa- tion, health programs, child wel- fare, community and farm pro- jects, Dr. Mallory has lifted the status of the Negro people, gain- ing recognition and respect for her dignified but determined ap- proach to the problem.

Last week a signal honor was conferred upon her by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in Hum- boldt, Tenn. She was made an hon- orary citizen of that community in a colorful and inspiring ceremony. Dr. Mallory's citation listed her achievements as outstanding in the field of education and com- munity betterment.



**THEY MADE 1953 HEADLINES**—Top row, left to right: Robert B. Meyner, Democrat, defeated Republican Paul L. Troast to become governor-elect; Dr. Harold A. Lett, deputy director, DAD, by-passed as logical successor to the late Joseph H. Bustard, director; Mrs. Reynold E. Burch, member, Newark Board of Education, pin-pointed specific areas of school discrimination; Dr. J. Minor Sullivan, 3rd, whose testimony helped to save the Trenton Six from the electric chair, appealed grand jury's perjury indictment to U.S. Supreme Court. Bottom row, left to right: Bishop D. Ward Nichols of the AME Church broke tradition when he preached Thanksgiving sermon at historic Princeton University Chapel; Charles A. Matthews, chairman, Third Ward Democratic, Newark, severed political ties with Commissioner Meyer C. Ellenstein; Dr. Walter Longshore, certified radiologist, appointed chairman of Orange Housing Authority; the Rev. Caleb E. Oates, progressive Farmingdale pastor, honored by mayors and officials of two communities.



# Mrs. Rose Aggrey Honored By College Women's Group

By MRS. C. H. PARKER

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. —

Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey, of Salisbury, was honored on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10, at the Patter-son Avenue YWCA, at a tea for new members of the local chap-ter of the National Association of College Women.

Mrs. Aggrey discussed her travels last summer in Africa where she spent three months visiting in the Gold Coast, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Liberia.

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IN OBSERVING the educational progress in the last 25 years, Mrs. Aggrey said it was amazing to notice how much progress has been made during that period in Africa.

She is the widow of the late J. E. K. Aggrey who was widely known as "Aggrey of Africa." He was a native of Africa and co-founder of Achimota College in Gold Coast, which is considered one of the finest and most progressive colleges in the area. "It was interesting to note," Mrs. Aggrey said, "the progress that Achimota College has made through the years."

She displayed many articles of native art and crafts which she collected during her tour.

MRS. AGGREY WAS WELL received and entertained by the government of British West Africa. In Nigeria, she was the guest of her son, Rudolph, who was with the United States Information Service. Since then he has been appointed vice-consul at Lille, France.

Mrs. Aggrey is president of the State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs and is a retired teacher. She was for 20 years supervisor of Negro schools in Rowan County.

THE SPEAKER was introduced by Mrs. Kelly O. P. Goodwin. Music was furnished by the Teachers College String Ensemble, composed of Oscar Friday, cello; Miss Yvonne Ballentine, bass violin; Eugene Walcott, first violin; Miss Clarice Graham, second violin; Miss Zenobia O'Neill; and Ozzie Edwards, piano.

Miss Gwendolyn Smith, a senior at Atkins High School, gave a vocal number.

RECEIVING guests were Mrs.

James B. Unthank, Mrs. Carl Hamilton, Mrs. Clyde Brown, and

Miss Elva James. Mrs. R. S. Hair-son welcomed new members.

The tea was sponsored by the Membership Committee of the local National Association of College Women of which Miss M. Marguerite Davenport is chairman.

Mrs. W. A. Blount is president of the chapter which was organized three years ago.

## Mrs. A. McKinley honored in Chi

CHICAGO (ANP) — The unselfish life of Mrs. Ada S. McKinley was memorialized last week at the fourth annual meeting of McKinley Community House, held in the Parkway ballroom.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the unveiling of a portrait of Mrs. McKinley by Robert Morris and Curtis Jones, youngsters representing the junior program of the center.

Named For Founder

Mrs. McKinley founded the South Side Settlement House shortly after the First World War. It was renamed in 1949 in her honor. The new home at 34th st. and Michigan ave., was planned in 1950 and completed in 1953.

Chief speaker at the memorial was Mrs. Venice T. Spraggs, assistant to Congressman William L. Dawson in his position as vice-chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

## FAMOUS WOMEN TO APPEAR IN DURHAM

DURHAM, N. C. — Six of America's outstanding women will participate in North Carolina College's Fifth Annual Coed Weekend here on Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14.

The program is being sponsored by the Women's Assembly which will hold a job opportunities clinic as part of Saturday's opening activities.

A second part of the annual weekend on Sunday, February 14 will honor outstanding North Carolina College women who have excelled in scholarship and group living.

The six outstanding American women who will participate on a symposium starting at 10:45 a. m. Saturday in Duke Auditorium are: Mrs. Ruth Whitehead Whaley, Secretary Board of Estimates, New York City; Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, Assistant to the Mayor of New York City; Mrs. Ellen Dammon, Personnel Director, B Altman Company, New York, N. Y.; Miss Dorothea Towles, internationally known model and designer; Miss Lois Towles the famed concert pianist; and Miss Ethel Payne, Chief of the Washington, D. C. office of the Chicago Defender.

The symposium will discuss "The Expanding Frontiers for Job Opportunities for Negro Women Graduates of Liberal Arts Colleges."

Three social events are scheduled for North Carolina College women and visiting dignitaries on Saturday. A Coffee Hour will be held preceding the symposium, followed by a 1:00 p. m. luncheon in the North Carolina College Library Faculty Lounge, and a 5 p. m. reception at the McLean Dormitory.

Saturday afternoon will be taken up with the visiting consultants counseling individual women students. The counseling sessions will be held as part of several workshops in the seminar rooms of the college's library.

Miss Gloria Foster, Senior Music major at Howard University, will be guest soloist for the Coed Weekend in the College's Dining Hall on Sunday night.

Planning for the overall two-day

program has been under the general direction of Miss Kathryn Cladwell, Gastonia, N. C. senior science major who is president of the Women's Assembly and Miss Louise M. Latham, Dean of Women at North Carolina College.



# Behind the Headlines

By ROBERT M. RATCLIFFE  
(Courier's National News Editor)

## That Man 'Chief' Aiken!

ATLANTA, Ga.—The younger generation thinks of beautiful new homes, the ultra-modern Waluhaje Apartment Building and sprawling housing developments when Walter H. (Chief) Aiken's name is mentioned. And rightly so, because he is one of the nation's greatest builders.

But, to those who can remember as far back as 1910 or can look back just a few years to the early 1930's, the name means more than brick and mortar. They remember the handsome, cigar-smoking "Chief" as one of the greatest football coaches of all times. Time and fame have not changed Mr. Aiken. Coaching football was more or less a hobby with him. The money he was paid for coaching was always turned back to the college to be spent on needy students. Today, he is in position to dine with New York bankers, but he is not piling up his earnings in banks. He keeps it working, turning out new homes for Negroes who otherwise would never be able to own property.

"Chief" Aiken's coaching record is probably better than any other football mentor in the U. S. In twenty years of coaching at Howard University, Atlanta University, Fisk University and Clark University (now Clark College), he lost only twenty-one games. And his teams played approximately 175 games during this twenty-year coaching period.

## Where'd He Get That Name?

And, how come they call him "Chief"? That's an interesting story, too.

Back in 1910, when Walter H. Aiken was a student at Hampton Institute (it was just a normal school then), the quarterback of the Hampton football team was an Indian, known as Fred Bender and brother of the famous Chief Bender. When the team would go

WALTER H. (CHIEF) AIKEN  
ATLANTA, GA.

into a huddle, every man would try to tell the quarterback what play to use.

The Indian got tired of this confusion and promptly told off the entire team. Said Quarterback Bender: "From here on out, the smartest man on this team will call the signals. That man is Walter Aiken. I am going to call him Chief and what he says goes."

And, the nickname "Chief" has stuck with Mr. Aiken down through the years.

"Chief" Aiken finished Hampton in 1913 and went to Howard to continue his studies. That same year he coached football at Armstrong High School in Washington, D. C., and in just a few weeks was appointed assistant coach at Howard University.

The years, 1915-16, found him studying at University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, majoring in structural engineering and real estate law. These studies were interrupted for two years when he lined up with the 370th Infantry and worked himself up from a private to a first lieutenant.

Mr. Aiken, who was born next door to Delaware State College in Dover, was back in Penn and Temple in 1919 and 1921, and then his combined coaching and business career was about to begin.

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## Mighty Man of the Gridiron!

The "Chief" began coaching as a hobby as head coach at Atlanta University back in 1922 and in the same year he and W. J. Faulkner went in the real estate and construction business. The "Chief" bought out Professor Faulkner's interest in the business in 1931.

The "T" formation, now being used by all of the college and professional football teams is nothing new to "Chief" Aiken. He was using the "T" at Howard University back in 1919, and he made the "T" famous at Atlanta University in 1922.

Who is his all-time backfield man? The black-haired, olive-complexioned Mr. Aiken peered through his glasses and puffed a smoke-ring. "The best backfield man I ever coached," said Mr. Aiken, "was 'Three Finger' Brice, a quarterback at Howard University and now an insurance man in Richmond, Va."

He sucked on his cigar and said: "My No. 2 man would have to be Eddie Hurt, a left end at Howard."

And, then he named off the other "greats" he had coached down through the years: Ray Shepard, a drop-kicker and halfback; Mel Whedbee, quarterback; Jumpin' Joe Wiggins, halfback at Fisk University; Elmer Baker, sensational drop-kicker for Clark University; Gilmore, who played right end for Howard; Jessie Lawrence of Howard, the greatest center he ever tutored; John Leak, center at Atlanta University; Pierce, the 218-pound tackle at Fisk, and Jeff Lamar, another great tackle at Atlanta University.

There are two bright stars in "Chief" Aiken's crown, one for coaching and one for building. Which star shines brighter will long be a matter of debate.

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## And, the Great Builder!

Although famous in his own right, Mr. Aiken's wife, the former Lucy Rucker of Atlanta, lays claim to some fame, too. Her father was the revenue collector for the State of Georgia under Presidents McKinley and Teddy Roosevelt and her mother's father was Congressman Jeff Long, only Negro from the State of Georgia to sit in the U. S. Congress.

"Chief" began building homes for Negro ownership back in 1922, averaging fifty to 100 a year. He began mass production under FHA in 1937 when he



Mr. Ratcliffe





**LAST CLASS**—Mrs. Gertrude Ayer who held her last graduation exercise as principal of P. S. 119 at 133rd St. and 8th Ave., New York City, last week.

## Mrs. Ayer to retire

NEW YORK — Mrs. Gertrude E. Ayer, principal of Public School No. 119, in Harlem, will end 43 years of service to the city school system when she retires this week.

Mrs. Ayer has served 19 years as principal of P. S. 119, and was the first woman of her race to head a New York School.

She is the wife of Dr. Vernon A. Ayer, Harvard Medical School graduate and a health officer in the East Harlem District. Mrs. Ayer is the daughter of Dr. Peter A. Johnson. Her brother, Dr. Travis Johnson, was the first colored graduate of Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons.



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**DR. BETHUNE**  
**"MOTHER OF**  
**THE CENTURY"**

CHICAGO (S N S) — The Dorie Miller Foundation named Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune as "Mother of the Century," it was revealed here Wednesday. The 79-year-old founder of Bethune Cookman College and the National Council of Negro Women was presented a trophy in token of the honor.



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# Mrs. Bethune To Speak Here Sunday, Oct. 24

DR. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE

"Mother of the Century," Mrs. Mary Bethune, 79-year-old president-emeritus of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla., will be coming to Birmingham for a UN Day speech at 4 p. m., Sunday, Oct. 24, at the National Armory here, fresh from a citation at Chicago.

She was presented the Dorie Miller Memorial award by the Dorie Miller Foundation in recognition of "her untiring efforts to raise the level of her people and to unite women of her race in service to mankind." This recognition is 10 years old.

Dr. Bethune is the founder of the National Council of Negro Women which lists a following of over 600,000 women.

Her speech will climax a week-long celebration of United Nations Week in Birmingham. The observance, sponsored by the Birmingham Council of NCNW, will move off with the annual "Sunrise Prayer for Peace and Unity Hour" in Vulcan Park, atop Red Mountain at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, Oct. 17.



MRS. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE



## Mary McLeod Bethune Accepts Post On Tubman Committee

AUBURN, N. Y. — (ANP) — Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt have accepted honorary chairmanships on the National Harriet Tubman committee.

Bishop William J. Walls of Chicago, presiding bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church and chairman of the Harriet Tubman corporation announced last week that Mrs. Roosevelt had agreed to serve as honorary chairman and Mrs. Bethune had agreed to serve as second honorary chairman.

Some 30 members, Negro and white from many churches, national organizations and civic groups make up the committee.

Object of the committee is to raise funds for a home to be built in honor of Harriet Tubman. The new building will serve as a rest home for care of the aged and serve as headquarters for aid to migrant workers in New York state.

The announcement by Bishop Walls was made at the second annual pilgrimage to the recently reconstructed \$33,000 Harriet Tubman home in Auburn.

The old folks home to be constructed will be built on the 28 acres deed to the A. M. E. Zion Church by Miss Tubman. The home is to be interracial.



DR. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE is shown sitting in Switzerland. Dr. Bethune sees hope for world among delegates at the World Assembly for peace through work of the MRA. — (Special Moral Re-Armament overlooking Lake Geneva Photo)

## Mary McLeod Bethune Sees Mrs. Bethune To Dedicate Rest Of Life To Moral Standards

CAUX, Switzerland. — Mary McLeod Bethune, past president of the National Association of Negro Women of America, addressing the Women of America, said that she had seen at Caux an ideology that goes beyond race or creed or color or religion. I want to thank God that He has given to the world a Frank Buchman. Describing the

"craving of the entire world for peace," she said she has found at Caux the "antithesis" that could create peace.

Mrs. Bethune, founder of Bethune Cookman, Daytona Beach, Florida, said her visit to Caux had fulfilled the yearning of her life over the years. I have always been a fighter for the things I believed to be

right," she said, "but since coming here I have found how lacking I have been in places I thought I was most effective. I felt I had done very well, but as I faced myself against the four absolute standards of MRA - honesty, purity, unselfishness and love - I knew I must rightabout-face in order to inject this new stream into the lives of the thousands and thousands of people I have been privileged to teach.

"I thank God for my days here, for the restoration that has been determined in my own soul and the hope for my beloved country, America, that every individual there of every color and creed may see and catch what I have seen and caught during these days."

BY HANK MCGHEE  
MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. — (ANP) — Literally holding an interracial audience of 500, attending the Moral Re-armament conference, spellbound, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune praised the movement and said, "I dedicate the remaining years of my life to uniting peoples and nations on the basis of absolute moral standards."

Nearly 1,000 attended the conference held on Michigan's famed Mackinac Island, but only 500 could be accommodated in the main meeting hall of the Grand hotel, site of the conference.

Founder and first president of the National Council of Negro Women, Mrs. Bethune called the Moral Re-Armament assembly "the most important meeting of our MRA ASSEMBLY."

"I have attended many conventions with great minds and great men, but not until Caux did I attend a conference where there was no sign of discrimination or seg-

regation," she said, referring to the MRA assembly in Switzerland in which she took part this summer.

"I think God for Frank Buchman who blazed a path so simple that the most humble of us could grasp it and help build a new world. I have turned the searchlight within and found myself lacking. I found I had been dictating to myself and answering my own ques-

tions, instead of getting the direction of the great God that speaks to minds waiting to listen," she said.

Mrs. Bethune seemed transfixed as she spoke of the way adherence to four absolute moral standards can change the course of an individual's life. The four standards by which MRA is attempting to get people to live by are love, honesty, unselfishness and purity. Only by living by these standards, the movement believes, can any real and effective solution to world problems be found.

### ACCEPTANCE OF MRA

Earlier, representatives of the colored world from Nigeria, Kenya, the Gold Coast, Ethiopia, Ceylon, New Zealand, the West Indies, Brazil and the United States, issued a joint statement urging "acceptance of MRA throughout the Negro world."

The statement, read by Charles B. Howard, Chicago lawyer, said:

"We have seen at this assembly the working answer, on a practical scale, to racial discrimination. The principles of Moral Re-Armament provide the best answer we know to the problem of conflicts in families, conflicts between management and labor, conflicts between peoples and nations.

"The approach which MRA makes is to the individual. It seeks to have the individual commit himself completely to the four absolute moral standards. In committing himself absolutely to these standards, he dedicates himself to apply them to every phase of his life. We have listened to many examples from many parts of the world of the application of these standards to the solution of many difficult problems in many phases of life.

### NEGRO WORLD

"Moral Re-Armament is not an institution; it is not a creed; it is not an organization which you may join, but it is a way of living which begins with a change in an individual. This ideology is so pregnant with hope and promise that it deserves acceptance throughout the Negro world," the statement declared.

The meeting at Mackinac was interracial in the strictest sense. Robes and costumes from nearly every corner of the globe more than attested to the world-wide appeal of the movement.



## Mrs. Bethune To Speak; United Nation Day, Oct. 24

A major speech by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, of Daytona Beach, Fla., will climax the celebration of United Nations Week in Birmingham.

She will be the limelight speaker on a "United Nations Day" program scheduled for four o'clock Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24, at the Armory, located at 201 Graymont Avenue, near Legion Field.

Mrs. Bethune, president-emerita of Bethune-Cookman College, and founder and president-emerita of the National Council of Negro Women, is a world famous educator and widely recognized advocate of civil rights and one-class citizenship.

UN Week observance in this city is being sponsored by the Birmingham Council of NCNW. Mrs. Belzora S. Ward is president of the local council.

Promoters of the event assert that Mrs. Bethune "is in a position to bring a message both informative and inspiring." The statement points in support of this point of view that she "attended the world-famous San Francisco Conference which blueprinted the United Nations . . . international organization, seeking to establish understanding and goodwill among the peoples of the world." The United States of America is one of 60-member countries.

Dr. Bethune recently returned from Switzerland where she was guest of the government of that country.

Admission to the program is free.

### Truths For All

Dr. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, the eloquent, dynamic Negro educator now approaching the four score mark in years, spoke of burning truths during her appearance in Memphis Sunday. For one thing, she warned against loose talk and against excess talk.

She remarked that Americans can solve their own problems and will never permit the meddling of communists or other outsiders in our affairs.

She brought an enthusiastic and prolonged response when she affirmed that relations between white and Negro people in the South are better today than they ever have been before.

She uttered a plea for patience and understanding, and two-way forbearance.

Her audience, which overflowed Mount Olive Christian Methodist Church, gave audible endorsement to her words.

## Mrs. Bethune Praises Moral Re-Armament Conference in Mich.

*Black Dispatch*  
MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. —

(ANP) — "The most important assembly of our time is being held now at Mackinac Island under the auspices of Moral Re-Armament," Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune said here last week.

"In my judgement MRA has the answer to the conflicting problems of America and of the world."

Mrs. Bethune's opinion was supported by John V. Riffe, executive vice president of the CIO, who declared the conference offered America its "greatest opportunity since the days of Lincoln."

A member of parliament from the Gold Coast, Yakubu Kall, told the assembly delegates. "What Abraham Lincoln did for America, Moral Re-Armament is doing for the world now."

The conference of followers of the Moral Re-Armament movement met in Mackinac Island, Mich., Sept. 25 to Oct. 5.

Moral Re-Armament is a movement which attempts to answer materialism by changing men's outlook on life before attempting to change the conflicts men find themselves in.

According to its founder, Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, "Moral Re-Armament is not a theory but a way of life, tested and tried in every circumstance."

of Pearl Harbor. *Jan. 10-7-74*  
Miller shot down five Japanese planes and rescued his wounded commanding officer from the deck of the USS Arizona. Miller was killed during World War II.

The Negro educator Bethune was awarded the Dorie Miller Foundation Award before more than 800 persons by Dr. Everett Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The foundation bestowed upon her the title Mother of the Century.

Service for which she received the special award included her job as director of Negro affairs of the National Youth Administration from 1935 to 1944, and founding of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., as well as her college.

## Famous Mary Bethune Brings Counsel Of Love To Memphis

*Commercial Appeal*  
Memphis, Tenn. *Mon. 10-11-54*  
In 1904 Mary McLeod Bethune, using an upside down barrel for a desk, founded a Negro college in a rented house at Daytona Beach, Fla. It was an inconspicuous start of a fabulous career.

"I give love and I get it," she said simply yesterday. Her faith was shown that first day at Bethune-Cookman College for her five students noted a Bible, a hymn book and a neighbor's rose in a little vase atop the barrel.

In Memphis yesterday for a Woman's Day talk at Mount Olive Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the 79-year-old educator, an eloquent speaker, said the Supreme Court decision banning segregation in public schools was the nation's greatest mandate since the Emancipation Proclamation.

"Think . . . With Heat"

"In this Southern area," she said, "Negroes and whites must think this problem through together, without heat, and see that we integrate into our schools without a spirit of harshness."

She declared failure to process the mandate would help communists in their efforts to win Negroes from loyalty to the United States.

"We can't afford that," emphasized the educator, who stressed the importance of unity in making the world free of war and prejudice.

She leaves this morning for New York to attend Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's 70th birthday anniversary. A special consultant during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, Mary Bethune uses a hand-carved wooden cane that the late president gave her.

Achievements Are Many

Born at Mayesville, S. C., July

## Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Among Top Visitors At Meet

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich.—Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, initiator of Moral Re-Armament, arrived here this week for the opening sessions of the Moral Re-Armament World Assembly. More than 400 delegates from 28 nations have already arrived.

Dr. Buchman, whose party of 60 was one of eight special plane loads arriving recently, was greeted at the Pellston airport by Congressman Carl Hinshaw of Pasadena, California.

Among arrivals are W. D. Pawley, Sr., former U. S. Ambassador to Brazil; John V. Riffe, Executive Vice President of the CIO; Dr. Mary Mc-

Leod, Bethune, President Emeritus of Bethune-Cookman College; Professor Alexander Kolin, nuclear physicist from Chicago; H. A. Graybiel, publisher and president of the "Windsor Star"; and a delegation of 14 from Guatemala.

The Tolon-Na, Chief Yakubu Kall, Member of the Gold Coast Parliament and President of the Northern Territories Council, whose people number 1½ million, told Dr. Buchman and the Assembly: "What Abraham Lincoln did for America, Moral Re-Armament is doing for Africa." This was amplified by Michael Ogon, Member of Parliament from Nigeria, who said, "Twice Moral Re-Armament has saved my country from disaster and preserved its unity."

Dr. Oskar Leimgruber, former Chancellor of Switzerland and for 27 years a member of the Cabinet, told the delegates, "MRA is the only force that can save the world today. In Europe, and especially the governments of Europe, Frank Buchman is considered the great states-

man of our time." The former Chancellor said, "This is because for centuries we have had conferences which had no results, but MRA Assemblies bring solutions to world problems. That is why I have come to America today."

James McGovern, for 24 years Labor Member of Parliament for the Shettleston Division of Glasgow, said, "We need a superior ideology that can create national and world unity in order to cope with the difficulties and dangers that surround us. That ideology is Moral Re-Armament. It is giving the lead in the great struggle for human survival."

Overseas delegates who arrived recently include two Members of the German Parliament; the official representative of the King of the Maoris of New Zealand; trade union leaders from Britain, Italy and Brazil; Frits Phillips, Vice President of the Philips Electric Industry, Holland, employing 110,000 men throughout the world; K. Sumitomo, leading Japanese industrialist.

Among messages of support which came to Dr. Buchman recently from around the world were telegrams from Giuseppe Saragat, leader of the Saragat Socialist party of Italy; Congressman R. T. Lim of the Philippines; and Chief Mangwende from Central Africa, who said, "The

left of MRA to Africa has been a turning point in the history of our country."

## NOTED NEGRO LEADER

### RECALLS EARLY DAYS

*Commercial Appeal*

Honored By National Group

After Long Service

*Memphis, Tenn.*

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CHICAGO, Oct. 6. — A young woman lifted her hand and rang a small bell, her Bible and notebooks piled in front of her on a barrel. She watched a group of girls file into a classroom.

This was how Mary McLeod Bethune, 74, noted leader in Negro affairs, recalled the founding of her Negro school, Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., 50 years ago.

She recalled the event as she was honored recently as Mother of the Century in Chicago.

The occasion also marked the 10th annual program commemorating Dorie Miller, Negro hero



# Dr. Bethune Urges Understanding Between Races In UN Day Speech

"Don't fight each other. Don't hate each other because my skin is black and yours is white."

"White citizens need adjustment same as the Negro citizens in these enlightened, changing times."

Dr. McLeod Bethune, of Daytona Beach, Florida, solemnly made this fervent plea to a jam-packed inter-racially-mixed crowd at the National Guard Armory auditorium in a major "UN Day" observance speech last Sunday evening.

Dr. Bethune, addressing an assembly to climax a week-long observance of annual "United Nations Week," under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Council of Negro Women, urged Negro and white Americans in Birmingham to "stop fighting each other, join together, seek better understanding and work for peace throughout the world."

## "BE THE BEST"

Mrs. Bethune, president emerita of Bethune-Cookman College and founder-president emerita of the NCNW, counselled Americans to "stand up on our feet, rid our minds and hearts of hate and prejudices, and give our all for the betterment of mankind."

The "Mother of the Century" and world figure thundered:

"Stand up and be men and women. Don't be afraid to defend and fight for that which is right and Godly."

Counseling black Americans not to be afraid to move forward because of the color of their skin, Mrs. Bethune suggested that they be "as brave as the little dog," no matter where you live, whether in Birmingham or New York. She cited the case of the "little brave dog." One day, she pointed out, there was a little dog and a big tough dog. The big dog always had the knack of chasing and frightening the little dog away because he felt "superior" to the little canine. The big dog attacked the little dog. The little dog ran a short distance, suddenly stopped and let loose a thunderous snarl. The surprised big dog suddenly dropped his tail and rapidly moved out.

## "GO INTO THE ALLEYS"

Mrs. Bethune, dressing her speech to fit the local Council's observance theme "Lifting as We Climb," suggested that the wo-

men of the NCNW "go down into the alleys, lend a helping hand, lift them up and show them the way."

She said, "Bring them out. They are waiting for you to come."

Dr. Bethune, who was recently cited for her "selfless efforts to raise the level of her people and to unite women of her race in service to mankind," declared that "everyone must realize his and her responsibility. You must carry your share of responsibility for the uplifting of mankind."

The colorful speaker reminded her audience that "we are living in a wonderful age. Our mothers and fathers longed for this day."

She challenged the more than 800,000-strong NCNW organization throughout America to "unite for strength and move forward."

Mrs. Belzora S. Ward, president of the local council, presided over the inspiring program.

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Dr. Bethune related four absolute moral standards can change the course of an individual's life. These four standards by which MRA is attempting to get people to live by are love, honesty, unselfishness and purity.

Only by living by these standards, the movement believes, can any real and effective solution to world problems be found.

## Negro educator UN Day speaker—

## Discard hatred, help each other, Dr. Bethune urges

The Supreme Court decision banning segregation in public schools calls for adjustments by white people and Negroes and "we can't get anywhere fighting each other," a widely-known Negro educator said here Sunday.

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president emerita of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla., addressed an overflow audience at National Guard Armory here in a United Nations Day observance.

She told of her experiences at the San Francisco conference at which the United Nations Organization was formed. There people of all colors and races worked together on the single purpose of world peace.

The Negroes in America are seeking the same goals for which UN was established.

"ALL WE HAVE to do," she said, "is to stand on our feet, get bitterness and hatred out of our hearts, and give the world the best we have. . . . God is opening the doors. Stick together and push one another up," she urged.

Dr. Bethune challenged the audience to adopt four principles she learned on a recent trip to Switzerland: absolute purity, absolute honesty, absolute unselfishness and absolute love.

THE UN DAY program was presented by the Birmingham Council of the National Council of Negro Women of which Mrs. Belzora S. Ward is president. Dr. J. King Chandler, president of Daniel Payne College, presented the speaker who was escorted into the armory by an honor guard of Boy Scouts.

Invocation was given by the



Educator speaks—Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.





**FRIENDS GATHER** — Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune takes time out to pose for a picture with friends after delivering a speech entitled "A New Day With a New Opportunity" at Mount Olive Cathedral, Memphis, last Sunday. Left to right: S. W. Qualls Jr., Wilma Monroe, the Rev. Henry E. Burton, Mrs. Lucy Campbell, and Mrs. Wattie Marble. Dr. Bethune is seated.

## Dr. Bethune Expected To Arrive Soon For 'U. N. Day' Observance

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, of Daytona Beach, Fla., is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow night for her 'U. N. Day' observance speech scheduled for four o'clock Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24 at the National Guard Armory, 240 Graymont Avenue West.

She is president emerita of Bethune-Cookman College and founder-president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women. Her speech will climax a week-long observance of annual United Nations Week.

Three singing groups are scheduled to furnish music for the program. They include the Dunbar High girls choir under the direction of Mrs. Florida Pigron Hill; the Parker High choir under the baton of William Henry and the State Vocational School choir under the conductorship of J. Henry Banks.

The "Mother of the Century," Mrs. Bethune, is slated to be introduced by President J. King

Chandler of Payne Junior College. Response will be given by Mrs. Lucille Douglass, chairman of the executive committee of the Birmingham Council of Negro Women.

man of the international relations committee of the council which planned and promoted the project. Mrs. Belzora S. Ward, who will preside over the program, is president of the council.

The Parker High School Ushers Club will handle the seating of the audience. Council members will serve as hostesses.

Among others listed to appear on the program are Father J. Clyde Perry, Mrs. L. S. Evins, Mrs. Robert Loeb, Mrs. Bessie Estell, Paul Jones and the Rev. J. L. Ware.

Immediately after the program, a reception in honor of Mrs. Bethune will be held at the Eighth Avenue Branch Y. W. C. A.



Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune sponsors of the program. Mrs. Larnie J. Williams is chair-



## Negro Educator To Be Honored

Mary McLeod Bethune, veteran Negro educator, will be honored at a testimonial dinner Friday evening, April 23 in the Capitol Hotel, 51st St. and Eighth Ave.

Mrs. Bethune founded Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., and was appointed national administrator of the National Youth Administration by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The testimonial is sponsored by the Mary McLeod Bethune Circle No. 6.

## Mrs. Bethune On Way Overseas

NEW YORK — Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, founder-president emerita of Bethune-Cookman college at Daytona Beach, Fla., and the National Council of Negro Women, left here last week for Caux, Switzerland, where she will be special guest at the Moral Re-Armament Brotherhood conference.

She will remain in Switzerland until July 29 when she will fly to Windsor, Ont., for a six-day visit.

"I've always been interested in seeing women active in governmental affairs. I had followed the campaigns to date of the other candidates."

### OTHERS LACK COURAGE

"Although the highest court in the land, our Supreme Court had held that segregation is illegal, every candidate came out with a pledge to either openly disobey the law or circumvent the law.

Although every man in the race knows, I'm sure, that a unanimous decision is final, not one has the courage to tell the people the truth. They are cutting off the children's noses to save the politicians' faces."

The soft southern tones became crisper as she continued: "It goes against the grain to see people flout and defy the law. Whether any of us liked the decision or not, the highest court has construed the law. I stand on the law."

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# CROWD ABSENT WHEN DR. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE ARRIVES IN NEW YORK FOR TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Beach Dispatch  
Most of Platform Speakers Absent From Stage When Called on For Remarks

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DISTINGUISHED WOMAN STILL LOVES PEOPLE  
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By CONRAD CLARK

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The testimonial banquet was sponsored by the Mary McLeod Bethune Circle No. 6, headed by Mrs. Pearl S. Cotton, with a membership of 76 members.

In her address, Commissioner Kross paid tribute to Dr. Bethune for her 50 years of educational progress in the south of the country.

Following her address, Mrs. Kross had to leave for a TV show, but not before she had walked from her seat and publicly embraced and kissed Mrs. Bethune.

Before the dinner was concluded Dr. Bethune had to leave to make an 11:45 plane for Florida as she had to make an 8 a. m. appointment in Daytona Beach the next morning.

In her response, Dr. Bethune showed evidence of her visible disappointment by the non-appearance "of so many of those that I have helped here in New York."

"I feel like burying my head in my hands and weeping, for this

we thank the many organizations and friends for their cooperation in making this affair possible for stimulating suggestions, efficient and enthusiastic services of individuals, and our Committee.

"This demonstration of unity of purpose expresses your appreciation to this great woman for her untiring, unselfish years of service, by giving the world a lasting contribution."

The nation's capital was represented by Dr. Bethune's faithful and most trusted former secretary, Arabella Denison.

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demonstration here tonight, but I shall not do so," she said.

"If this hall had been packed with so many thousands of those that I have helped, not only in New York but throughout the country, I could not have felt more overjoyed for the efforts demonstrated by Circle No. 6."

After thanking the "small group" for what they had done, Dr. Bethune, with outstretched arms, said, "As I look around the hall for familiar faces, that I do not see, I ask the question, 'Where are the men and women that I have at some time helped to have the doors opened for? Where are all my church women? Where are my daughter Elks and the Bills? Why is only one representative of my National Council of Negro Women present?'"

In her final remarks, the educator said:

"I have only love in my heart for everyone. I have never hated anyone, and never will. I only have sorrow in my heart for those that may ill-treat me at any time. In traveling around the country and the world at large, I have always given and received love in return. Wherever I go, I always ask for my favorite song to be sung, and ask you all to now sing it with me, 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart.'"

The 150 guests present at the affair stood up and joined with her in the singing.

An ironic touch to the affair was an acknowledgement at the back of the journal which read:

"I am with real gratitude that

# Dr. Bethune speaks, cited by women of Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton

Leaders hail noted educator on first visit, admirers pack memorial center, church

By BETTIE B. BRADSHAW

TRENTON — Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, one of the world's most distinguished educators and champions of human rights, was given a memorable welcome here on her first visit on Sunday, May 16, at two special programs.

The occasion was the inspiring annual Women's Day program sponsored by the women of Shiloh Baptist Church, the Rev. S. Howard Woodson Jr., pastor, at the War Memorial Building.

Dr. Bethune, president emeritus of the Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla. delivered a challenging address at the morning service to a capacity congregation.

Greeted By Hundreds

Hundreds of worshippers from far and near, many for the first time, shook hands with the great leader after the benediction.

These included some of the white visitors.

The out-of-town guests included members of the Bethune Circles No. 6 of New York City and No. 7 of Newark. Circle members work with and contribute to the Bethune-Cookman College and Foundation.

Musical Program

Mrs. Nannie Jones welcomed the guests at the morning service as chairman of the program and rally. She is Shiloh's "Mother of the Year."

Mrs. Audrey Woodson, wife of the pastor, introduced Dr. Bethune. The combined choirs and The Echoes sang accompanied by Miss Dorothy Steward.

Other program participants were:

Mrs. Laura Steward, Mrs. Bernice Lassiter, Mrs. Vera Williams, Miss Audrey Harvey, Mrs. Amanda Bolling and Mrs. Marguerite Jeffries.

The Trenton chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Mrs. James Granger president, presented Dr. Bethune with an orchid. She's a Delta soror.

Church officials and members, civic leaders and those prominent in business and the profes-

sions filled the auditorium of the church at 5 p.m. when Dr. Bethune was honored at a reception tea.

Artists At Tea

The musical program featured: Mrs. S. Roy Alphin, who sang two selections accompanied by Mrs. Charles H. Williams.

Also solos by Miss Dorothy Summers, Miss Shirley Green and Mr. and Mrs. John Eckles, NYC, with William Mills as pianist.

The Echoes of Shiloh rendered selections. Miss Audrey Harvey, Mrs. Carolyn Moore, Mrs. Dorothy Palmer, Miss Winifred Jones and Miss Klyde Mahoney read excerpts from the biography of Dr. Bethune.

Mrs. Marlene Harvey and Mrs. Hylda Saunders also contributed to the program of which Mrs. Louise Austin was chairman, assisted by Mrs. Lottie Lee Dinkins and Mrs. Audrey Woodson.

Guest Of Woodsons

Dr. Bethune was met at the Newark Airport by the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Jr., who drove her here as their overnight guest at the parsonage.

At the end of a busy but memorable day, she was driven back to the Newark Airport by friends who attended from NYC. She boarded a plane for the return trip to Florida.



# The Charley Browning Story...

## The Man Who Tried To Do The Impossible Yesterday

By ENOC P. WATERS, JR.

The "Hat" is dead.

The "Hat," to those who had no opportunity to know him personally, was Charles P. Browning, advertising director of the Chicago Defender and vice president of Defender Publications.

Browning died recently in Little Rock, Ark., from injuries he sustained when hit in the head by the propeller of a small plane he had chartered in Hot Springs.

But to those who knew him as the "Hat" news of his death seemed incredible. But the tragic form of his death was strictly in character. It was dramatic—and everything that Charley did was dramatic.

He was no exhibitionist. He was just one of those rare personalities whose every word, every action was attention arresting. At age of 38 — he was born in April, 1915 — he was already a legend.

### A 10-GALLON HAT

Mention of his name immediately brought into focus a short, heavyset man, who despite his avoirdupois, moved quickly and lightly and seemed to be every where at once.

He wore big Texas 10-gallon hats, smoked and passed out freely huge Churchillian cigars and was always proffering his chubby hand for a warm, genuine hand clasp.

He had a cherubic countenance and a personality so strong it could be felt.

Because of his habit of approaching people with his hand outstretched,



CHARLEY BROWNING and John H. Sengstacke, editor and publisher of the Chicago Defender, pose informally under portrait of Robert S. Abbott, founder of the Chicago Defender.

ed, a group of his associates at a talking when they noticed Brown convention one year decided to ing waddling toward them smiling play a trick on him. broadly and as usual with his hand-

A group of four or five were extended in front of him.

Quickly they all put their hands in their pockets. When Browning reached the group and everyone ignored his hand, he seemed a little disconcerted at first. It was probably the first time his typical greeting had been ignored.

Sizing up the situation, he realized he was the butt of a joke and joined in the hearty laughter of the group.

He was best known in that strange world of newspapermen — especially those concerned with advertising and promotion. He was a master in both fields.

Every businessman in the country of any size who had a product Charley thought he could design an advertising program for, knew him, for he had no inhibitions, racial or otherwise. The importance of people or their reputed wealth did not deter him. He called upon them all and only rarely came away empty handed.

### SOLD IN ADVANCE

Charley could write some effective letters. But a prospect was considered sold in advance if Charley were given an opportunity to make a personal presentation.

Charley operated most effectively by not making appointments. It might have been because he was always late for appointments any how.

But he preferred to catch his prospects unawares. So rather than write a letter or call for an appointment, he would go directly to the office of a prospect.

Through the years he had perfected a technique for getting past secretaries. Once closeted with his man, he held the trump cards.

This direct approach, he once told me, eliminated his having to overcome any resistance that might have been built up against

him by previous knowledge of his intentions.

How did he do it? He had personal charm and a knack for knowing what to say and how to say it. But with all that he had brains. Though he appeared casual, actually Charley was a boner and when he faced a stubborn prospect he was armed with all the facts and figures necessary to overcome the arguments he knew would be thrown at him.

### UNUSUAL ABILITY

Charley was a man of unusual ability. This was recognized by his teachers at Hyde Park high school in Chicago where his name is frequently repeated even now by teachers trying to inspire others.

One of his notable scholastic achievements was winning a four year scholarship to the University of Chicago through competitive

examination with 3,000 Chicago high school seniors.

At the University of Chicago his brilliance attracted the attention of Dr. T. V. Smith, head of the Department of Philosophy and U. S. Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois who, at that time was a member of the faculty.

### AN EAGER BEAVER

But Charley too was aware of his own capabilities.

Whatever anyone else could do, Charley felt he could do better and quicker. Others could do the possible today. He wanted to do the impossible yesterday.

In most cases he was right because he was willing to spend the time, the energy, the money, whatever was necessary to do a job.

One of Charley's secrets for getting so much done was his ability to organize. Charley's offices no matter where located, Chicago, New York, Memphis, Hot Springs,





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**IN A SERIOUS VEIN, Browning consults with civic leaders on community problems in Chicago.**

or Detroit looked like the NYA projects he used to supervise.

Charley and six secretaries would start a new day at six or seven p. m. when most people were going home. At midnight he'd run his hand in his pocket and order steaks all around to keep them happy.

#### UNTIL 5 A. M.

He was not just sitting idly by as they labored. He would be working alone on an entirely unassociated project. Gradually the girls would desert him and at 5 a.m., he would fall back in his chair, his hands crossed over his tummy, his shoes off, his toes curled up, and sleep.

At eight a. m. he would be ready for a new day's work, as fresh and energetic as though he had slept in a bed all night. This was the tempo of his life night after night. Vacations had to be forced upon him and then instead of resting — something he couldn't do — he'd dabble in something else.

Once several years ago, John Sengstacke, publisher of the De-

pendence, called him in, talked to him like a "Dutch uncle" and urged him to take a rest. It seemed that almost in defiance of his friend's advice, he stepped up his tempo.

In desperation John had the locks changed on his office door so as to force him to take a rest. Did he rest? For several days John heard nothing of him and began to feel that he had succeeded in forcing a vacation on Charley.

#### THE LOCK FAILED

Then to his dismay he got a long distance call from New York where Charley was hard at work trying to land a big advertising account. John gave up after that and let Charley have his way.

Doing the impossible yesterday was his hobby as well as his life's work.

He had great pride in his ability to get things done.

During the war when it was almost impossible for ordinary cit-

izens to get reservations on trains Charley developed a technique which he used successfully.

If he wanted a reservation on the Broadway Limited for Wednesday he would call the railroad Tuesday. He would explain to the clerk that he had a reservation for car 9, bedroom c for Wednesday and the he was just calling to double check.

The clerk of course, would consult the records and tell him there was no record of a reservation for him. He would storm and rant and rave, explaining that he had made the reservation more than a week ago and that it had been confirmed and his space assigned.

He would then demand to talk to some one in authority. The official, believing Charley, would blame the mixup on inefficient help and in order to pacify him, gave him a reservation. It might not be just what he wanted, but it would be more than he could have gotten by normal methods.



**THIS IS CHARLEY BROWNING—His big hats, shoestring ties and Churchillian cigars were his trademarks.**

#### DELAYS TRAIN

Time was Charley's nemesis. He was never on time for anything.

Venice Spraggs, aide of Rep. William L. Dawson worked in N. Y. A. with Browning in Washington during the Roosevelt administration. She declares that the only time Charley was on time for a train, he delayed its departure for several minutes. It occurred this way.

Charley was to leave one afternoon for New York, but he had to make an important contact before his departure. He called his secretary, told her to call Union station and see if she couldn't get the train delayed.

Through some slipup Charley was unable to make his contact so went directly to the station arriving a few minutes before the scheduled departure time.

A nervous restless person he kept consulting his watch and wondering why the train didn't leave on time. He consulted his porter

who explained that trains leaving Washington were always delayed at the request of government officials who couldn't make time. When the train still hadn't moved five minutes later, Charley looked up the conductor. "Oh, we promised to wait 10 minutes for some big government official," he explained.

Charley's curiosity was aroused. It might be someone he knew or wanted to know. "Who is it," he asked.

The conductor searched his pockets and finally produced a scrap of paper. "His name," he read from the paper "is Charles P. Browning."

Charley was surprised. "That's me," he blurted.

"You, Charles Browning," the amazed conductor asked.

"Yes, I'm Charles Browning."

"Well why didn't you let me know you were here so we could get started?"

Charley smiled sheepishly and thanked the conductor, offered him a big cigar and pumped his hand in gratitude.



# Behind the Headlines

By ROBERT M. RATCLIFFE  
(Courier's National News Editor)

## A Man With Charm . . . and a Voice

DON'T know why they call him a red head. His hair isn't red. It's more of a golden brown. But, when they call him the top orator of the day, they're right about that. As the "Kid" would say: "He's smooth

. . . . he's cool . . . he's real groovey . . . he's a real gone guy."

Archibald J. Carey Jr., youthful, freckled and handsome, is the man of the hour. He's got charm and he knows how to turn it on, and he's got something to say and he knows how to say it.

Dr. Carey doesn't shout, he doesn't go in for such lines as "from the rock-ribbed shores of Maine to the sun-kissed valleys of California," and he doesn't go in for acrobatics, but when he finishes a message, they rush to him, grab his hands, and say: "You're the greatest."

Dr. Carey may not be the greatest, but he's so close to being the greatest that you can feel it. He has a strong voice, his flow of words is smooth, and he has the gift of giving a speech the right climax.

He flew into Pittsburgh last Friday evening and displayed his sparkling oratory before a \$10-a-plate NAACP banquet. The 500 or more attending the banquet will never forget him.

Dr. Carey is a busy man these days, flying from city to city fulfilling speaking engagements. And, he's a busy man when he is not on tour. He is the United States' first alternate delegate to the United Nations, he's a good Republican, pastors a church in Chicago, is an alderman in the Windy City, an attorney, a successful businessman and a good family man. And, he's a regular fellow, too.



DR. CAREY





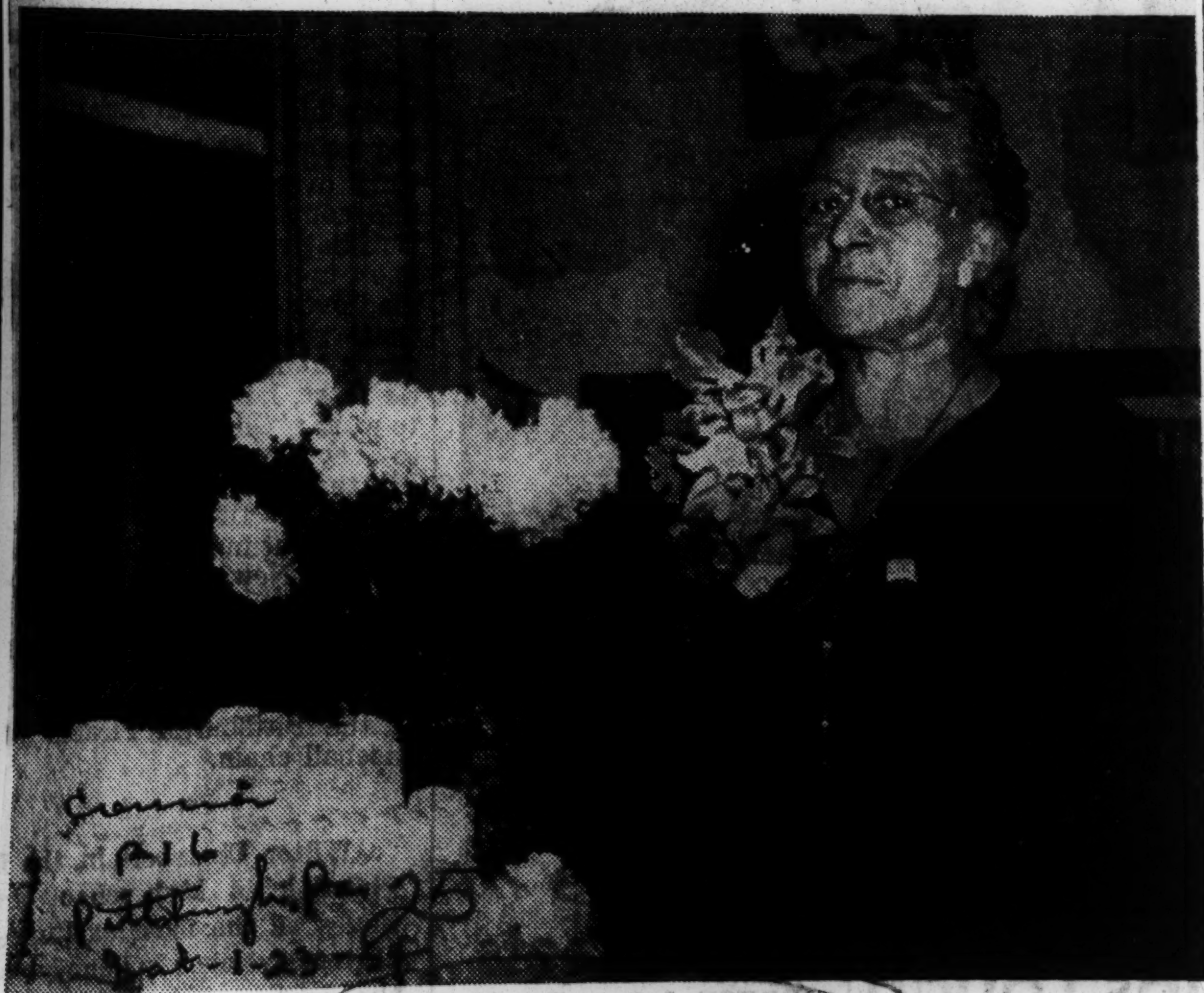
Staff Photo—Ed Wells

**SCHOOL DEDICATED**—Dedication of Emma Clarissa Clement School, \$300,000 Negro elementary school which was the first Atlanta public school to be completed under the \$7,000,000 state school building program, was attended by school leaders of this area. The school is named for the mother of Dr. Rufus Clement, president of Atlanta University and first Negro member of the Atlanta Board of Education. Here Dr. Clement, Miss Ira Jarrell, superintendent of city schools, and Devereaux McClatchey, education board president, view a portrait of the late Mrs. Clement, painted when she was named national "Mother of the Year."



Tuskegee's VA Librarian Cited

# Sadie Delaney Is Honored For Thirty Years of Service



DR. SADIE PETERSON DELANEY

... her bibliography rated national recognition

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Librarians, visitors, members of the staff of the VA Hospital and Tuskegee Institute, and patients joined the VA library staff in a recent celebration which honored Dr. Sadie P. Delaney, chief librarian for thirty years of service.

Dr. Delaney, formerly of the New York Public Library system came to Tuskegee in 1923 on a six-month leave to organize the library.

Without space, books, or equipment, she started what the Carnegie Foundation terms "the most interesting library in

**SHE INSTITUTED** bibliography (rehabilitating patients through books), and group therapy for mental patients through the library and established work for the blind, teaching more than four hundred patients to read Braille.

In the training of VA Librarians, students from various library schools, and from South Africa, Dr. Delaney set forth unusual goals.

She has received national and international recognition for her work, and is listed in "Who's Who in America."

ent of public libraries in Alabama; Chaplain H. J. C. Bowden, VA Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala.; Mrs. B. B. Walcott, Curator Carver Museum, Tuskegee Institute; William Potter, Veterans Administration Regional Office Field Representative, Montgomery, Ala.; Morteza Sprague, librarian, Tuskegee Institute; Clarence McKenzie, first president, Library Press Club, Tuskegee, Ala., and Arthur Franklin, assistant chief librarian, VA Hospital Library, Tuskegee, Ala.

**AT THE CELEBRATION,** tribute was paid to Dr. Delaney for her accomplishments and to her efficient staff.

Speakers for the occasion were: Dr. T. T. Tildon, manager, VA Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala.; Dr. Eugene H. Dibble, manager, John A. Andrew Hospital, Tuskegee Institute; Dr. Clyde Cantrell, director of libraries, Alabama Polytechnic Institute; Mrs. Gretchen Kneif Schenk, American Library Association and state superintendent.



## Dr. DuBois and Shirley Graham at N.Y. resort

WHITE LAKE, N.Y.—Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, world famed historian, author and scholar, and his wife, novelist Shirley Graham, are guests at White Lake Lodge here.

The venerable leader, former U.S. Minister Plenipotentiary to Liberia, and ex-editor of "Crisis," organ of the NAACP, will deliver a series of lectures at the famous Catskill Mountain interracial resort.

His wife, a noted writer of children's books and author of "Frederick Douglass, a Biography," and "The Selection of Children's Books," will speak on "The Selection of Children's Books."

The talks are the fifth in a summer-long cultural series which will feature in future weeks Sidney Finkelstein, noted music critic and author of "How Music Expresses Ideas," and Charles White, rising young art-

posed compliance with the Taft-Hartley affidavit provision at the 1948 Convention of the AFLWU, but favored it in 1950 at which time the convention voted to comply.

Mindel said that he was a member of a delegation of Union leaders which visited Gold after the 1950 convention to urge him to resign from the Communist party and remain president of the union.

Mrs. May Lageoles, a member of Local 70, in New York, testified that she had marched in May Day parade since she was 6 years old. She comes from a family of furriers, she added, and the May Day parade is a traditional holiday among fur workers.

Mrs. Lageoles also testified that she has heard Ben Gold use the term 'democratically-elected government,' referring to "our American Government. of course."

## W.E.B. DuBois Takes Stand For Ben Gold

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, noted scholar, former minister to Liberia and the founder of the NAACP, took the stand as a character witness for the Defense in the Taft-Hartley trial of AFLWU President Ben Gold this morning. The 88-year-old writer, lecturer and sociologist testified that he has known of Ben Gold for 25 years, that he has discussed Gold with many people, including former Mayor LaGuardia, professors, social workers and "a large number of workers — especially Negro workers."

Gold's reputation for veracity is good, said Dr. DuBois. "He was always spoken of in the highest terms." The workers "thought of Ben Gold as an honest and straightforward Union leader," Dr. DuBois added.

Samuel Mindel, manager of Fur Dressers Local 2, New York, completed his testimony this morning. Mindel testified that Gold had op-



# HANDY, 80, BLUES COMPOSER, WEDS

YONKERS, N. Y., Jan. 25 (AP) — W. C. Handy, composer of the "St. Louis Blues" and a number of other tunes, was married Friday at the age of 80.

Handy, a widower with great grandchildren, married Mrs. Irma L. Logan, 51, who had been his secretary for 16 years. Both are Negroes.

The couple was married by the Rev. Richard Koenig, pastor of the Christ Lutheran church, in the chapel of the church here.

The bride, who has been living in New York, is a divorcee.

Handy, who has a home here, has a publishing business in New York. He is blind.

His best-known composition is the "St. Louis Blues," but others, including "Memphis Blues," and "Blue Street Blues," also are famous. He has a score of other compositions, including marches, and musical settings for poems, and edited anthologies of blues and Negro spirituals. He also wrote "Father of the Blues," an autobiography.

Handy was born at Florence, Ala., and worked as a school teacher and iron mill worker before organizing a quartet, in which he played cornet, for appearances at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

He later served as bandmaster at Anderson, Ky.; musical director of a cornetist with minstrel bandmaster and music at Agricultural and Mechanical College at Huntsville, Ala.; and director of an orchestra at Vicksburg, Miss.

## W.C. Handy weds *Agro-American* former secretary, 51 *Baltimore, Md.* 80-year-old composer weds *Sat. 1-25-54* in quiet Yonkers ceremony

By JIMMY HICKS

YONKERS, N.Y. — W. C. Handy, 80-year-old granddaddy of all the blues, was married Friday to his 51-year-old former secretary, Mrs. Irma Louise Logan, in a quiet ceremony at Christ Lutheran church, next door to the Handy Yonkers home.

The ceremony, which was witnessed by only a neighboring couple who live across the street from Mr. Handy, was performed by the Rev. Richard Koenig, a native of St. Louis, which Mr. Handy immortalized in his song, "The St. Louis Blues."

Mr. Handy was in a jovial mood when he talked with an AFRO reporter in a telephone interview. He said he felt particularly close to the AFRO, because it was founded in Maryland and that his own family roots are in that state.

### Maryland Native

He next pointed to the little known fact that his grandfather, William Wise Handy, had been a native of Princess Anne, Md., and had escaped from bondage there into Alabama, where Mr. Handy was born in the city of Florence.

Mr. Handy said his grandfather set up the first colored church in Florence, and that his father also pastored the church. He said his grandfather, after being recaptured, was again sold into bondage in Oklahoma and the family never saw him again.

The composer told of how once, when he noticed his father crying while singing a song, "March Along," he asked him why he cried. His father told him he had sung the same song when his own father (Mr. Handy's grandfather) had been resold into bondage.



W. C. HANDY  
Native Of S.C.

Mrs. Logan, who formerly lived at 400 Convent ave., in New York, is a native of Greenwood, S.C., and is a first cousin of Mrs. Ella Stevens, wife of Judge Harold Stevens of New York.

Both Mr. Handy and Mrs. Logan have been previously married. Mr. Handy was formerly married to Elizabeth V. Price and had six children from the union. Mrs. Logan has been working for him since the death of his first wife.

The 80-year-old composer, whom the city of Yonkers recently listed as one of its "most noted citizens" in its 300-year history, is still very spry and active despite his handicap of blindness, and still operates his publishing house on Broadway.

### No Honeymoon

Asked if he had any plans for a honeymoon, Mr. Handy told the AFRO, "I'll be at my desk

W.C. HANDY

tomorrow morning," and invited the writer to have lunch with him.

The Handys will make their home at the Handy residence, 19 Chester Drive, Yonkers.



## George E. Haynes, Urban League head, to present writings to Yale U. Library

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—George E. Haynes, well-known sociologist and co-founder of the National Urban League, will present a collection of his writings and manuscripts to the Yale Library during a brief ceremony April 29.

The papers of Mr. Haynes, one of the foremost students of Negro life in the United States, will be included in the Yale Library's James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection of Negro Arts and Letters.

Mr. Haynes' donation to Yale will include the original manuscript of his most recent book,

he Yale faculty at a luncheon April 29.

The presentation of the papers and manuscripts will be made at an informal ceremony that afternoon.

"The papers of Mr. Haynes will greatly increase the scope and value of the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Collection," said James F. Babb university librarian in announcing the new donation.

"At present the Collection consists mainly of arts and letters, by and about colored people.

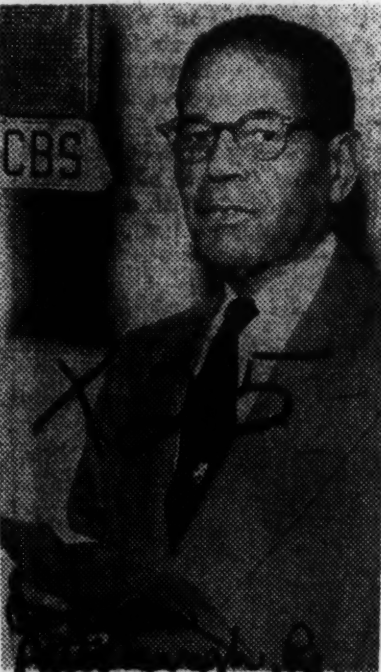
Mr. Haynes' papers will serve to emphasize the sociological significance of this material.

"Africa—Continent of the Future," which was published in 1950 after his return from a study of several countries in Africa.

It will also include studies, articles and printed reports compiled during the 25 years of his service as executive secretary of the department of race relations of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

### Family To Be Guests

Mr. Haynes, his son, George Jr., and Mrs. James W. Johnson, widow of the man for whom the collection was named,



### 'This I Believe'—

Dr. George Edmund Haynes, a figure in the field of race relations for more than thirty years, will tell his creed of living to Edward R. Murrow on CBS radio's "This I Believe" on Friday, April 30. Dr. Haynes was co-founder and first executive of the National Urban League.



GEORGE HAYNES

will be guests of Mr. Babb and Donald C. Gallup, Assistant Professor of Bibliography at Yale, and several other members of



# Mrs. Houston is recovering

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Henrietta Houston, wife of the late Charles H. Houston, civil rights attorney, is showing marked improvement since her admittance to St. Elizabeths hospital, Dec. 18, officials stated Sunday.

The ward nurse reported that Mrs. Houston, former Spingarn high school teacher, is responding much better when spoken to, than when she was first admitted.

According to court records, District Court Judge Luther Youngdahl signed an order committing Mrs. Houston, 48, to D. C. General hospital for 30 days.

Paul Keen, acting superintendent of D.C. General, recommended that Mrs. Houston then go to St. Elizabeths. He stated in a petition that an examination revealed that Mrs. Houston is in a depressed state of mind, "self absorbed," and at times possessing "suicidal ideas."



# Dr. T. R. M. Howard 'Man of the Year'

MOUND BAYOU, Miss.—Dr. T. R. M. Howard, Mound Bayou surgeon, planter, civic leader and businessman, has been named Mississippi's 'Man of the Year.'

Announcement was made by James C. Gilliam of the Stringer Lodge of Masons in the state of Mississippi. Presentation of the award was made to Dr. Howard Friday during the annual meeting of the Regional Council of Negro Leadership.





**OUTSTANDING OMAHA COUPLE.**—Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Killingsworth of Omaha, Neb., are among that city's most outstanding and unusual couples. Each has made a distinct contribution to Omaha's community civic and business life. Mr. Killingsworth is a member of the oldest business partnership in the state of Nebraska. He and his partner, E. W. Price, have operated the Killingsworth and Price barber shop for nearly 37 years. Mrs. Killingsworth is active in numerous civic organizations in Omaha and has earned the title of "Omaha's busiest woman."

## Mrs. Ethel Killingsworth Earns Title of 'Omaha's Busiest Woman'

**OMAHA, Neb.**—Mrs. Ethel Killingsworth, 2203 Lothrop St., is known among her many friends and acquaintances as "Omaha's busiest woman." She has earned the title through her many and varied activities in the civic and social life of Omaha.

Mrs. Killingsworth has participated in almost every worthwhile effort that has taken place in this city in recent years. Her friends wonder how she "does it."

### Her Activities Are Many

Here is a partial list of the organizations to which Mrs. Killingsworth belongs and in which she is active:

- Ladies auxiliary of the American Legion
- First vice president of Princess Ozell chapter No. 11
- Order of the Eastern Star
- Army Mothers' Post No. 9

- St. Perpetual Guild and woman's auxiliary of St. Phillips Episcopal church
- Past vice president, Nebraska Association of Colored Women's clubs
- Leader of Brownie troop, Girl Scouts
- Leader of Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls
- Modern Priscilla Art and Study club, which she revived in 1947
- Board of directors, Omaha Urban League
- Nebraska Welfare association
- Member of Martha T. Smith Home for the Aged
- President, Woman's auxiliary, Omaha branch of the NAACP
- American Woodmen
- Civil Defense program, Home Nursing classes
- Welcome Wagon Hostesses
- Friends of Library
- Cornhusker Golf club
- Omaha Metropolitan Community

## MRS. EDWARD W. KILLINGSWORTH (ETHEL)

### Council

Council for Equal Job Opportunity

N.A.A.C.P. Board of Directors  
Mrs. Killingsworth is not a member of any organization "in name only." She is active in each one, spending many hours a day in volunteer service.

In 1951, the Modern Priscilla club, which she revived in 1947, was presented the Urban League award as the most outstanding club of the year.

### Her Record Still Stands

In the same year, 1951, Mrs. Killingsworth set a record in the Community Chest drive which has not yet been broken. She is active each year in the YMCA and YWCA campaigns. In last year's YMCA drive, she was supervisor of the women workers who rallied under the name "Powder Puff Range." They outdid the men's Lazy M. Range. The women under Mrs. Killingsworth turned in 275 members and \$881.50 in cash while the men's total was only 174 members and \$773 in cash.

Mrs. Killingsworth won the prize for personally turning in more members than any other individual. Her personal report was 34 members and \$180 in cash. The highest man, Harold D. Matthews, turned in 34 members and \$125.50 in cash. Mrs. Killingsworth was presented an overnight bag as first prize.

### Native Oklahoman

Omaha's "busiest woman" was born in Muskogee, Okla., and was graduated from the Muskogee Manual Training high school. She attended the Tennessee State college at Nashville, Tenn., and after moving to Omaha was graduated from Boyles Business college. She took a course in business law at Omaha university and is the first and so far the only Negro to complete a course in speechcraft from the Toastmaster's club. She also completed a course at the Dickinson Secretarial school.

During the war, Mrs. Killingsworth studied airplane mechanics at the Glenn L. Martin Nebraska company and today knows all about airplane engines. When she hears planes come into the Omaha airport, a feeling of nostalgia comes over her. She has a yen to work on that motor. Someday, she says she may seek a job as a mechanic, but right now she is too busy with her civic activities. She worked as a mechanic at the Martin plant from August, 1943, until August, 1945, and re-

ceived a certificate for loyal and faithful service during the war years.

### Directed Flood Relief

During the disastrous flood of 1951, Mrs. Killingsworth was chairman of a flood relief movement and with her assistants gathered truckloads of clothing which was sent to Topeka, Kas., and other points in Kansas. In the flood relief work, she worked with the Association of Colored Women and the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Killingsworth goes from one activity to another. Hardly is one job over before she launches into another one. During the recent NAACP regional conference held here, Mrs. Killingsworth was chairman of the banquet committee. As soon as the delegates were out of town, Mrs. Killingsworth began work managing the headquarters for Police Commissioner Caldwell who was seeking reelection in the May 11 city election.

Mrs. Killingsworth is married to Edward William Killingsworth, one of Omaha's most outstanding business men. Mr. Killingsworth has the distinction of being a member of the oldest and longest continued partnership of its kind in the history of the United States.

This distinction was given him by the Barber Shop magazine published in Chicago. The partners, Mr. Killingsworth and R. C. Price, founded their business on July 1, 1917. By rendering courteous and efficient service, Killingsworth and Price have weathered depressions, wars and other obstacles and have been in continuous operation as a partnership for nearly 37 years.

### Oldest Shop In State

They now own their own building at 2416 North 24th St., and there are no mortgages or other outstanding incumbrances against the partnership. This shop has been in business longer than any other barber shop in the state of Nebraska.

In addition to the barbershop, Killingsworth and Price operate a recreation center and confectionery. The barber shop has four chairs. Besides themselves, Killingsworth and Price have five employees.

Mr. Killingsworth is a native of Texas, born in Paris. He left home at the age of 17, stopped briefly in Kansas City and worked for a short while in Des Moines before settling in Omaha. He learned to barber while in high school and always was ambitious to own his own business. He worked for the Union Pacific railroad

before he opened his barber shop. Mr. Killingsworth is a veteran of World War I and is now a member of Roosevelt Post No. 30, American Legion, of which he served as commander for five years. He is a Mason, a member of the Rough Ashler Post No. 1 and is an ex-auxiliary policeman. He, like his wife, is a member of the St. Phillips Episcopal church.

Mr. Killingsworth fell about a month ago and broke several ribs. The enforced confinement to his home brought him a much-needed rest.

The Killingsworths are easily among Omaha's most outstanding couples.



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## Mrs. Eisenhower Receives N. C. C. Dean Latham

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Miss Louise M. Latham, dean of women at North Carolina College,



was among a select group of deans of women who visited Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower at the White House in Washington on Tuesday.

Miss Latham and two of her associates, Mrs. Amanda F. Garis and Mrs. Hazel E. Mc

Cree, were in Washington attending the thirty-fourth annual convention of the NADW.

Dean Latham was a panel participant in a discussion on "The Improvement of Human Relationships."

Other North Carolina schools represented at the NADW were Duke University, University of North Carolina, North Carolina College at Durham, Women's College, Greensboro; East Carolina College and Wake Forest College.

Miss Latham is a native of Raleigh and a graduate of Shaw University there. She received the master's degree at Boston University and has done work on the doctorate at the same university.

MISS LOUISE M. LATHAM



# Lewis, Haynes, Tureaud Carry The Ball in La.

By A. M. RIVERA Jr. and ROBERT M. RATCLIFFE

BATON ROUGE, La.—The most effective leadership in Louisiana, based upon actual accomplishments over a decade, is divided among three highly respected native sons, John G. Lewis, Grandmaster of the Masons; J. K. Haynes, president of the Louisiana Educational Association, and A. P. Tureaud, chief counsel of the state NAACP. *Courier*



Mr. Lewis

being encouraged and trained to do his most effective job. John G. Lewis told the *Courier*: "This is one battle that won't be won with words. We've got to beat the white man with his own laws." *12-4-54*

This fraternal leader of 11,000 Negroes said, "Our job is to save the South." He explained that "the greatest export of the South is not cotton nor tobacco, but brains."

He claims that the best minds of the Negro race are leaving and the best qualified whites don't want to enter politics be-

This is not to infer that beside these there are none others, but simply that the mantle of leadership has been delegated to them. In fact, the true source of much of the strength of leadership will perhaps forever remain a secret. *p. 5*

Grassroots movements are mushrooming all over the state and anyone with a following is



Mr. Haynes

cause of the slime that they would be subjected to by some striving nobody.

John G. Haynes has twenty-one suits in readiness that will be brought as soon as the U. S. Supreme Court clears the way. Haynes lost his job as a principal when he volunteered to sue for equal salaries. The LEA hired him as their president, and in so many words told the state to "fire him now."

Tureaud has brought practically every civil rights case that has been filed against the State of Louisiana in the past fifteen

Atty. Tureaud

years. Last year he offered his son as a plaintiff in a case designed to break down the barrier against Negroes attending the undergraduate school at LSU.





# THURGOOD MARSHALL AND HOWARD INSTRUCTOR HONORED BY WASHINGTON PRESS CLUB

Drew Pearson Presents "Newsman's Newsman" Trophy to Afro Editor During Ceremonies

200 GUESTS ATTEND GLITTERING AFFAIR

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Atty. Thurgood Marshall and Dr. Margaret Just Butcher were honored last week as "Man and Woman of the Year" in ceremonies at the Hotel Continental during the 10th anniversary dinner of the Capital Press club.

Atty. Marshall is the chief legal counsel for the NAACP and Dr. Butcher is a Howard university professor and member of the D. C. board of education.

The Press club also awarded the Newsman's Newsman trophy to Miss Taylor, city editor, Washington Afro-American. Drew Pearson, columnist, made the presentation.

Dinner speaker was Arthur Larson, under secretary of labor, who stressed the importance of a sound social security program to protect individual human dignity, and took a dime view of assertions that there is any connection between American-style income insurance and socialism.

Marshall received his award for his long and successful legal fight against retention of the Negro in second class citizenship status, and Dr. Butcher earned her honor for her work on the D. C. education board for equalization and integration of the public school system.

Marshall was unable to attend the dinner because of a special NAACP meeting in Atlanta. Attorney Charles Duncan received the plaque for him.

Mrs. Constance E. Danile, chairman, club's speakers bureau, made the presentation to Dr. Butcher.

Other awards presented included a \$150 scholarship to Miss Margaret Louise Biscoe, Cardezo high school senior. This is an annual Press club award.

Some 200 guests attended the dinner. Among them were Louis B. Toomer, register, U. S. treasury; Perry Howard, GOP national committeeman; James C. Evans, civilian aid, secretary of defense; Miss Roberta Church, labor department; Elmer Henderson, director, American Council for Human Rights; Scovel Richardson, member, National Board of parole; Dr. Herbert Marshall, former president, National Medical association; and Lyle Carter, Washington Urban league.

## Thurgood Marshall avowed 'greatest'

WASHINGTON

Some 7,500 Howard University students, graduates and commencement spectators sat and stood in a drizzling rain, Friday, to hear Thurgood Marshall hailed as the "greatest constitutional lawyer in the United States."

Mr. Marshall, special legal counsel for the NAACP, was one of the four persons receiving honorary degrees at the university's 86th commencement.

Mr. Marshall was awarded the honorary doctor of law degree for his leadership in securing the Supreme Court decision which "will rank with the Emancipation Proclamation." Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, Howard's president, said.

"In response to your voice, the court ruled that segregation has no place in public education today," the president said. Dean George Johnson of the Howard Law School placed the hood on Mr. Marshall.

Honorary doctors of laws degrees were also awarded to Nnamdi Azikiwe, minister of local government and leader of government business in the Eastern region of Nigeria, British, West Africa.

Mr. Azikiwe, a graduate of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and managing editor of a chain of five newspapers in his native country, was cited for his leadership in the demand for self-government for 30,000,000 Nigerians.

### Complete Freedom

"One day not far away, complete political freedom will come to Nigeria and the people will rise to bless you and the British government will rise to bless you," Dr. Johnson said, in making the award.

The honorary doctor of laws to Chester Bowles, former Governor of Connecticut, was given for his work as ambassador to India.

The honorary degree of doctor of humane letters was awarded to Roy W. Bronn, commissioner of social welfare in the Virgin Islands, for "social statesmanship of the highest rank and esteem."

"Under Mr. Bronn, all modern measures of health protection

and social security have been extended to the Virgin Islands," Dr. Johnson said.



**ELATED** Attorneys who argued the case against segregation in public schools stand in front of the Supreme Court Building in Washington after the tribunal voted its ban. They are (from left) George E. C. Hayes, Thurgood Marshall and James Nabrit, Jr. (UP Telephoto) Story on Page 1.

### LEST WE FORGET

NEW YORK — There soon will be a huddle of editors and civic leaders to open a campaign to keep Thurgood Marshall's name alive. Mr. Marshall, himself, is satisfied with the job accomplished, but there are many who feel that Negroes are prone to let the great men die out of the public mind. In view of the fact that Thurgood Marshall has easily could have capitalized upon his abilities with large law firms but chose instead to fight the big fight for his people and democracy makes it doubly important that his name be kept alive to remind us not to give up.



Thurgood Marshall





After the fabulous \$15,000 party which the Calvert Distillers threw for Thurgood Marshall at the Hotel Astor the other night, this writer accepted the invitation of Joe Makel, national sales representative of Calvert, to ride to Baltimore with other Calvert representatives, for a trip, the next day, through the Calvert plant.

We left the Astor after the dance was over and went directly to Penn Station. It was long past midnight, and since Baltimore, at best, is a four-hour ride I wondered why Joe had selected such a late hour to leave. I was not too keen on sitting up half asleep for four hours, when I could just as well have gone home and caught an early morning train.

**Special Calvert Coach**  
But I failed to realize the class of the company as keeping. Instead of going to the regular coaches, Joe led the way to a special car which Calvert had hired for its crack representatives. Instead of an "upper" or "lower" berth, each man had his own individual compartment.

As I was being shown my own compartment, a voice behind me said, "I haven't seen you since the elections, Mr. Hicks." I turned around to find that the voice belonged to Wave Morris, one of the Pennsylvania Railroad's ace porters, who had been assigned to work on the Eisenhower presidential special, in which I had traveled all over the nation during the election campaign. Morris lives at 29 Fulton st., in Newark, N.J. It was nice to renew our acquaintance.

Once settled down in my compartment, I got to thinking of the men around me. I looked at them and a sudden sense of race pride welled up in me.

There were 15 of them, and Joe Makel, who serves as their boss, I knew all about Joe and how he has a big office on the 15th floor of the Chrysler building (second tallest building in the world), but I started out to learn more about these men who work under Joe. I started to

roam the coach and to chat with them.

There was Ted Albritton of Los Angeles, a student of Southern California, football and track star and member of the Alpha Phi Alpha.

Next was Julius "Bus" Lee of Oakland, Cal., a Howard U grad, and the first colored man on the West Coast to become a salesman for the J. C. Penny Stores. He later switched to Calvert. Bus is an Omega man.

Munger R. Carr is from Chicago and matriculated at the Alabama State Teachers college. He's been in the beverage business seven years.

Also from Chicago was S. M. Davie, a grad of Atlanta university, and a former Urban Leaguer. Henry A. Dumouil did not need to tell me where he was from. I immediately spotted the name as being from New Orleans, and he is. He was a school teacher at Southern university, and is an Alpha man.

#### Crossed Up By Name

Ike Dupre of Cleveland crossed me up. I tabbed him from New Orleans, but he is a Cleveland, who was formerly in the cosmetics business. Then there was Bernard Odell of Detroit, onetime manager of the Joe Louis golf tournaments.

Harry Waugh of Philadelphia was once a mechanic, but switched to Calvert. Zeke Williams, a graduate in mechanical dentistry from Meharry Medical school, is from Chattanooga, Tenn. Sinky Rodgers, with a perpetual smile on his face, is from Miami, and is a former night club emcee. Walter Taylor proved to be from St. Louis, and was once owner of a valet shop in the Jefferson Hotel there.

Jimmy Young hails from Gary, Ind. He's a grad of Indiana U., member of Kappa Alpha Psi and was once an assemblyman in an auto factory. Horace Griffith, who has been with Calvert longer than any of the others, is a New Yorker, who started with the firm back in 1923 as an office boy.

Caldstone Cotterell also of

New York has been with the firm more than 12 years, and was with another liquor firm before switching to Calvert. Norman Walker of Baltimore rounded out the list. He's a new man.

What was I so proud of in these men? Well, mine was a feeling of mixed emotions. I looked at them. They were better dressed than the average man, and it was obvious they made good salaries. They handled themselves like men of responsibility, and to me they represented an answer to the big challenge to colored Americans, as we move nearer and nearer to first class citizenships.

To me, here was the answer to the skeptics of today, who say "We ain't ready." Take another look at their backgrounds: auto mechanics, dental technicians, night club emcees and professionally - trained men. What are they doing today - representing a multi-million dollar corporation in one of the most highly competitive industries in the world - the whiskey business.

#### One Wasn't Skeptical

If W. W. Wachtel, president of Calvert, had been as skeptical as Duke Ellington and a few other colored people, plus many whites, he could have easily said, "Colored people aren't ready" to represent big corporations.

But Wachtel didn't say that. He went out and hired a few and gave them a chance. That chance is paying dividends.

These men don't get out and sell whiskey. They sell the good name of Calvert. And as they sell the good name of Calvert they sell the good will of a great race.

Late in the night, Wave Morris, who has seen hundreds of groups conduct themselves publicly on trains across the nation, dropped around to my compartment and we chatted about the election campaign, and then got around to discussing the Calvert group.

Said he: "Sure makes you feel good doesn't it?" I read the race pride in his eyes, and I answered: "It sure does."

## Calvert Distillers Employees Honor Thurgood Marshall

Following is a digest of the remarks by Thurgood Marshall, Director, Legal Defense, NAACP, at the testimonial dinner given to him by Calvert Distillers employees at the Hotel Astor in New York December 16th:

"I want to thank some of the people who have worked with us and are here tonight. First there is Father Bishop, my spiritual adviser. He represents to my mind a very important segment of our community insofar as the NAACP cases are concerned. We would not be able to have this case but for the churches the doors of which were always open to hold meetings. When we have the church on our side we do not have to worry."

"There is Grand Master Giddings of Prince Hall Masons of this state, my Grand Master. The Negro Masons have set up a legal research fund in the past two years and they have contributed about 4,000 fund in the past two years and they have contributed about \$24,000 a year. When we have people like that on our side we do not have to worry."

"There is also here Mrs Lampkin and Mrs Vann, symbols of the Negro press who have opened up the columns of their paper, and that costs money. If you do not believe that costs money, you ask the sponsors of this dinner, Calvert Distillers, what an ad costs. But we, the NAACP, get the space for nothing. Remember, too, the Negro press of this country took it upon themselves to raise money for the cases and the Negro press have raised considerable money. The Negro paper that has raised the most money happens to be the Courier, over \$15,000, and the money came to us, not to the Courier."

"There are also here tonight, Roy Wilkins and Arthur Spingarn who represent the pranch NAACP people—branches all over the country, who have made these cases possible."

"Then we have here tonight practically all of the legal committee, staff lawyers, trial counsel, who were in charge of litigation all the way up and including the Supreme Court from the time this outfit was

set up until 1935.

"Also here are lawyers Morris Ernst and Ben Kaplan who also worked on the cases and never got a nickel."

"The cases which were argued last week before the U.S. Supreme Court and other cases are significant only if we have the public behind us. In that sense, one very significant thing is Calvert's participation. It is important to me that a big business company believes in the things we believe in. That is not common at the present time. The reason it is important is because I look to the future and not the past. I believe in the future. We will have more and more business firms doing what Calvert does when they realize the need for working to maintain our democracy."

"This money we received tonight is not the first money that Calvert Distillers has contributed. Calvert has been contributing regularly to us without fanfare to our legal work. They are the ones that made me make a binding promise not to mention the amount, but I never pay attention to binding promises. One of the first times I talked with Mr. Wachtel, President of Calvert, I told him the need we had and that I thought that industry should be interested in the Negro market and for that reason should contribute to the NAACP. He pinned my ears back. He said, "If that's all you can sell, you can't sell anything. You convene businessmen that it is necessary to support the NAACP to make democracy live and they will support you. The interest must be on an unselfish basis, not for business reasons." That is what Mr. Wachtel said."

"The other thing that is important tonight is that we raised most of the money we got from contributions from people of all races, all groups all levels. Contributions range from five cents to eight and nine thousand dollars. When you talk about a testimonial dinner to me you talk about a very small part of what is going on. The important thing to bear in mind is the work done by lawyers all over the country. Thanks to them all."

"I want to thank also John A. Davis, Professor at City College of New York. He headed up a group

of fifty scientists who worked all through the Summer.

"In this audience are a number of lawyers here of the Harlem Bar Association. Thanks to them and to thousands of other people."



# Council Of Churches To Cite Thurgood Marshall

## Our Opinions

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP)—The National Fraternal Council of Churches, USA, Inc. will present a citation to Atty. Thurgood Marshall, chief legal counsel of the NAACP, in recognition of his meritorious services in leading legal battles for human rights during the past decade. The occasion will be on Jan. 20-21 mid-winter executive committee meeting of the council.

Bishop A. W. Womack, Indianapolis, CME prelate, will preside at sessions to be held at historical Mother Bethel AME Church, Dr.

Joseph D. Bright, pastor. A public mass meeting is scheduled the first evening.

Among the pertinent matters to be considered are: The Evangelistic Crusade in 1954 directed by Dr. J. W. Golden; the publication of a periodical ("The Fraternal Messenger"); Legislation scheduled in the present session of U. S. Congress; the church's role with respect to the Supreme Court's decision on Segregation in Public Schools; the council's annual relationship to the National and World Council of Churches; the council's annual meeting in April, and reports of commissions and other projects.

It was announced that the national radio broadcast will be held on CBS's "Church of the Air" Sun., Jan. 28, from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m. (EST) with Dr. J. W. Golden, director of the United Evangelistic Crusade, as the speaker, and Bishop Womack as alternate. The Fisk University Choir under Prof. J. W. Work and Dr. Harry Von Berger will provide music.

The Crusade is a reemphasis of the Christian Faith with an object to convert as many of the nation's 44 per cent of unchurched persons as possible. Headquarters of the campaign are at 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn. (Room 302). All churches are being sought to join the campaign by writing to this address.

## Thurgood Marshall

At noon on Saturday May 8, the Chicago Defender will present Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with the 8th Annual Robert S. Abbott Memorial Award. The honor is accorded each year upon the anniversary of the founding of the "World's Greatest Weekly," to the person or organization who in the preceding year, has done most to advance American democracy.

It is fitting that this year as the Chicago Defender enters its 50th year of publication, the award should be presented to a man whose career is aimed so directly at achieving the goal of the late Robert S. Abbott.

On May 5, 1905 when Robert Sengstacke Abbott published the first issue of the Chicago Defender, he inserted above the masthead of the editorial page, the challenge: "American Race Prejudice Must Be Destroyed." That has been the position of the Chicago Defender in all the years since and countless men of good will have taken it up.

Thurgood Marshall is one of those men. Under his direction, five cases based on segregation in the public schools of the nation have been appealed to the United States Supreme court. The cases were so presented that they challenge not only segregation in the public schools and state supported colleges and universities, but they attack the entire doctrine of separate but equal.

This doctrine is the ultimate in American race prejudice. It represents Jim Crow and discrimination enacted into law in many states, and has been upheld by a previous Supreme court. It means the perpetuation of racial injustice and second class citizenship.

This is the battle into which Marshall has thrown his energies and his great talents as the outstanding civil rights lawyer of the nation. It is the natural objective of a 20-year career of battling for the rights of America's largest minority, within the framework of the Constitution.

As the nation anxiously awaits the mo-

mentous decision, and as a badly shaken South frantically makes concessions to democracy in anticipation of the ruling, there can be little doubt that Marshall has become one of the outstanding architects of freedom.

He is building his own monument—one that is at the same time a living memorial to the faith of the founding fathers, to Abraham Lincoln, to Frederick Douglass and to Booker T. Washington.

The Chicago Defender is proud to pay its highest tribute to a man who is writing one of the brightest chapters in the book of democracy. Thurgood Marshall, we salute you.





Miss Pauli Murray

**Pauli Murray**

*After American*  
**recuperating**

*Oct. 10-54*  
**WASH. POST**

Miss Pauli Murray, Baltimore born daughter of William H. Murray, former teacher in the Baltimore city schools, and niece of Lewis H. Murray, who retires this year after many years of public school service, is recovering from a major thyroid operation at Freedmen's Hospital, here.

She is a lawyer, writer, and compiler of the book **States' Laws of Race and Color**.

In 1938-39, she was the storm center of the unsuccessful fight to gain admission to the University of North Carolina.

#### In Bus Case

In 1940, she was a defendant in the Greyhound Bus case in Virginia when she refused to remove to the back of a bus in Petersburg, Va.

She lost the case and served a 10 - day sentence rather than pay a fine that she thought was unjust.

As a student at Howard University in 1943-44, she helped organize the NAACP's sit-in strikes against Thompson's Restaurant in Washington.

She is also remembered for her attempt to gain admission to the Harvard University School of Law for graduate work to break down a 300 year barrier against women — a barrier

which came down finally in 1949.

#### On League Board

She is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Brooklyn Urban League.

Her first job after graduation from Hunter College was business manager for OPPORTUNITY, the National Urban League's organ.





"WOMAN OF THE WEEK"—Mrs. John C. Norman of Charleston, W. Va., shown chatting with a student, was named "Woman of the Week" recently by the Charleston Gazette because of her outstanding activities as a mother, teacher and religious leader.

## Mrs. John C. Norman Named Gazette's Woman of the Week

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—The Charleston Gazette named as its woman of the week recently Mrs. John C. Norman, English instructor at Garnet High School, for her outstanding service in the community.

Mrs. Norman is a graduate from Howard University and Columbia University, an A.B. and M.A., is the daughter of Mrs. C. H. Stephenson and is married to Mr. Norman, an architect. One son, John C. Jr. was graduated from Harvard University, Phi Beta Kappa in 1950 and is now a senior in the Harvard Medical School.

### ACTIVITIES

Besides teaching at Garnet High, Mrs. Norman conducts the Church Woman's News each Sunday via radio; is active in the teen-age committee at the

YWCA, the National Council of Teachers of English, AKA sorority, the National Links, Inc., the Charleston Woman's Improvement League, the Charleston Council of Church Women, the First Baptist Church, and for ten years has organized the World Day of Prayer program in the Charleston area.

She organized one of the first speech choirs in the state at Garnet High and in 1952 participated in the program of the National Council of Teachers of English held in Boston, Mass.



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ATTORNEY EDITH SAMPSON

# People Both Sides Of Iron Curtain Want To Be Free—Edith Sampson

*Informant Houston, Texas P. 1*  
Long Beach, California. — "People on both sides of the Iron Curtain yearn to be free," Attorney Edith Sampson of Chicago former member of the United States delegation to the United Nations declared here Wednesday.

Mrs. Sampson appeared as principal speaker for the awards banquet during the 36th Annual Meeting of the powerful California Farm Bureau Federation in Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach, California, Wednesday night.

*Sat. 11-20-54*  
She thus became the first woman to ever address a major session of the Federation and the first Negro in history to appear before the convention.

Speaking from the subject, "Free World Partnership," the noted Chicago lawyer and diplomat reminded her audience that "all Americans put together, citizens of the most powerful nation on earth, are still only a drop in the world bucket."

Despite a rising prosperity, America still suffers as a result of her prejudices she said.

The American Negro, according to Mrs. Sampson, despite discrimination and inequality, has made more gains than peoples anywhere else in the world. "The Negro in our country has climbed above these handicaps and is well on his way toward realizing the long-cherished dream of first-class citizenship," she emphasized.

The key to growing prosperity, Mrs. Sampson believes, is educational opportunity. "Yet," she said, "for years in the poorest areas we have had segregation which requires a costly two-system setup with most of the penalties in poor education suffered by the Negro minority. Quite apart from the moral question involved, the U. S. Supreme Court decision against segregation in the schools is going to contribute greatly to American prosperity in the years ahead."



**Order of British Empire****Queen Elizabeth  
Gives High Honor  
To Dr. Somerville**

By HARRY LEVETTE

LOS ANGELES (AP)—As a thrilling, pleasant Christmas surprise, a royal message sent by Queen Elizabeth of England to Dr. John Alexander Somerville informed him that he had received one of the highest British honors ever accorded a citizen of another country.

The Buckingham palace embossed document, bearing the great seal of England, stated that because of his valuable work in fostering Anglo-American friendship, Dr. Somerville has been specially made an honorary member of the Order of the British Empire.



DR. J. A. SOMERVILLE

... cited by Queen

DR. SOMERVILLE was born in Jamaica, British West Indies, and was a citizen of the British Empire before he came to the United States, and settled here. Operating dental offices at Eighteenth and San Pedro Avenue, with his wife, Dr. Vada Somerville, also a dentist, as his associate, he rose rapidly in the professional, business and civic worlds of the West Coast.

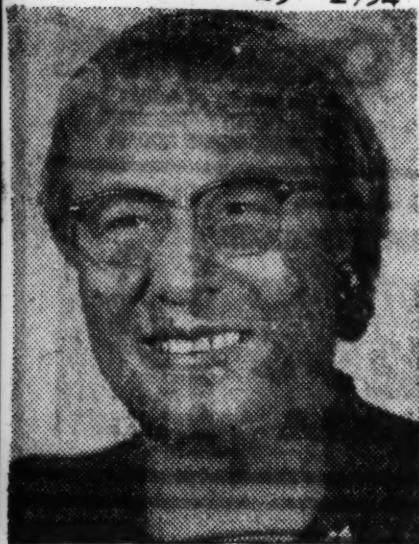
Associated with H. A. Howard, realtor, also a Jamaican, they built Los Angeles' first modern hotel for Negro guests, finishing it in July,

1928, and naming it the Hotel Somerville. It is now renamed the Dunbar Hotel. They also built the La Vada Apartment House at 241 East Vernon, the name being Mrs. Somerville's first name, which it still bears.

Mrs. Somerville later left dental work and operated a successful weekly newspaper, the L. A. News-Guardian. When "Sugar Hill," the Harvard Hobart-Oxford Avenue district opened to Negroes, they were one of the first to buy a large pillared mansion there.



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**MRS. ELLA PHILLIPS STEWART** (Mrs. William W.), civil leader of Toledo, Ohio, expects to leave on or about October 25 for a three-month visit to Pakistan, India, Ceylon, Indonesia, and the Philippines. She has been invited to make the tour under the State Department's International Educational Exchange Program. This invitation was extended by the Department to Mrs. Stewart on the basis of her achievements and experience in women's activities in this country.

In each of the countries to be visited Mrs. Stewart will meet with women leaders and give formal and informal talks on the role of American women in community life, education and politics. While in the Philippines she will attend the Pan Pacific Women's Association Conference where she will discuss—"The Responsibility of Women in a Free Society."

Born in Berryville, Virginia, Mrs. Stewart is a graduate of Storer College and of the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. She has also done graduate work at the University of Toledo. Her extensive business career has included many years as joint proprietor with her husband of Stewart's Pharmacy in Toledo.

Mrs. Stewart has been no less active in performing volunteer services for civic and welfare organizations in Toledo and other cities, having served as co-chairman for the Toledo Centennial Commission in 1937, president of the Ohio Association of Colored Women, Inc., and president of the National Association of Colored Women, Inc. In 1952, she was a delegate for the National Council of Women of the U.S.A. to the International Conference of Women of the World at Athens, Greece. She is a member of the

## MRS. ELLA PHILLIPS STEWART

Women's Advisory Committee on Defense Manpower and the American Academy of Political and Social Science as well as of a number of community organizations.

Mrs. Stewart has received citations for service from various organizations including the Toledo Council of Churches, the Toledo Chamber of Commerce, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the United States Treasury (Bond Division).

If time permits she will also visit Hong Kong, Tokyo, Yokohama and Honolulu.

Both Mrs. Stewart and her husband are active in the Republican Organization in Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Stewart is precinct committeeman. She travelled and worked with the Eisenhower Citizens Committee in the 1952 campaign.



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## People You Should Know



ELVERA TAYLOR—CPA

MILWAUKEE is a city of surprises. Three navigable rivers wind through its urban and residential districts, leading into the very heart of the city and emptying into the bay, creating what the guide-book calls a "quiet charm." There is also its age—the first settlement dates from around 1673, which the Jesuit Father Marquette founded while traveling north toward Montreal. Of interest, also, are its size (population: 637,392, nearly 30,000 of them Negro), economy, and industry. The latter consists not solely of the brewing of beer (which is not even its largest industry), but it is a world center for the manufacture of heavy machinery.

But the most interesting surprise of all is the people, including promising gifted Negro leaders who have in every sense, "achieved."

Many of them have come from other places, like Elvera Taylor, inelegantly, but affectionately called "Shorty" by her famous husband, Coretta Taylor, executive secretary of Milwaukee's Mayor's Commis-

sion on Human Rights.

Born in Augusta, Georgia, she was taken to Chicago when she was quite young, where she attended school. She has an older brother and sister and her loving seamstress mother's ambition was that they all should have careers. Most of the family finance went into the medical training of her big brother Joe, now a physician in North Carolina. But when came time for her to go on higher education, she entered junior college and her brother stayed out of school a year that she might remain.

In Milwaukee she has her own office, and her clients are both white and Negro. She has not felt race to be a handicap. "As a matter of fact, I think that being a woman in business is more of a barrier," she says. — MARGUERITE CARTWRIGHT.

ELVERA TAYLOR



# If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

## Our Town Insulted Mary Church Terrell

BALTIMORE

That grand old lady, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, who died last week at the age of 90, did not forget Baltimore as long as she lived. In her autobiography, "Colored Woman in A White Man's World," she tells how our town hurt her feelings.

She says: "The only time I have been openly attacked on the platform for something I have said in an address was in Baltimore."

Her book then goes on to explain that she was to deliver the commencement address for the high school class in 1917, soon after the U.S. entered the World War.



Then she adds

"The Gov - ernment wished commencement speakers to refer to the war to interest the public in this country's efforts to aid the Allies... so I decided to take as my subject, 'The Race Problem and the

Since the U.S. was fighting to make the world safe for Democracy, I declared, if the Allies were victorious the status of colored people in this country would be greatly improved. I held out the hope that the opportunities, hitherto denied the race, would be enjoyed."

Mrs. Terrell's autobiography then describes how Baltimore's Comptroller gave her the only insult in her long career:

"The Comptroller of Baltimore had been requested to represent the Mayor at the Commencement exercise, and when he arose to make some remarks he was so enraged that he could scarcely control himself.

"He complimented those who had spoken, those who had sung—in fact he had fair words for everybody but myself. He launched at once into a tirade against the speaker of the eve-

ning."

"White with rage, he paced up and down the stage criticizing my speech."

"The speaker of the evening has predicted that the condition of the colored people of this country will be greatly improved," he declared with fierce indignation.

"He was too deeply stirred to proceed, so he paused a second."

"He shouted aloud and shook his fist at the audience, as he warned - 'But I tell you people you will have no more rights after the war than you enjoy now.' He shook his fist at the audience again, as he uttered this threat."

"Then something occurred which I had never heard before in an audience of colored people and which I have never heard since. They hissed the Comptroller of Baltimore with all their might."

"But he shook his fist at them again and told them sarcastically that he knew all about colored people, that he understood them perfectly and that he didn't care a fig (or words to that effect) how much they hissed..."

## ... Man Who Did It Says He Remembers

James F. Thrift was the city comptroller referred to here in Mrs. Terrell's autobiography. He is now 80 years old and maintains offices in the Equitable Building.

He told this reporter that he recalled the Terrell talk very well.

"I remember that Mrs. Terrell said that if colored people would band together and assert their rights, they would break the iron curtain drawn around them by the white people just as the Allies had broken the ring the Germans had put around them."

Mr. Thrift said that if he had it to do over again, he would still have disagreed with Mrs. Terrell's remarks.

"I'm far from having any ill feeling toward colored people," he added. "In fact, I have a most kindly feeling toward colored people and I am perfectly willing that they should have every

right I have. But I think that if they have these rights among themselves they would be better off."

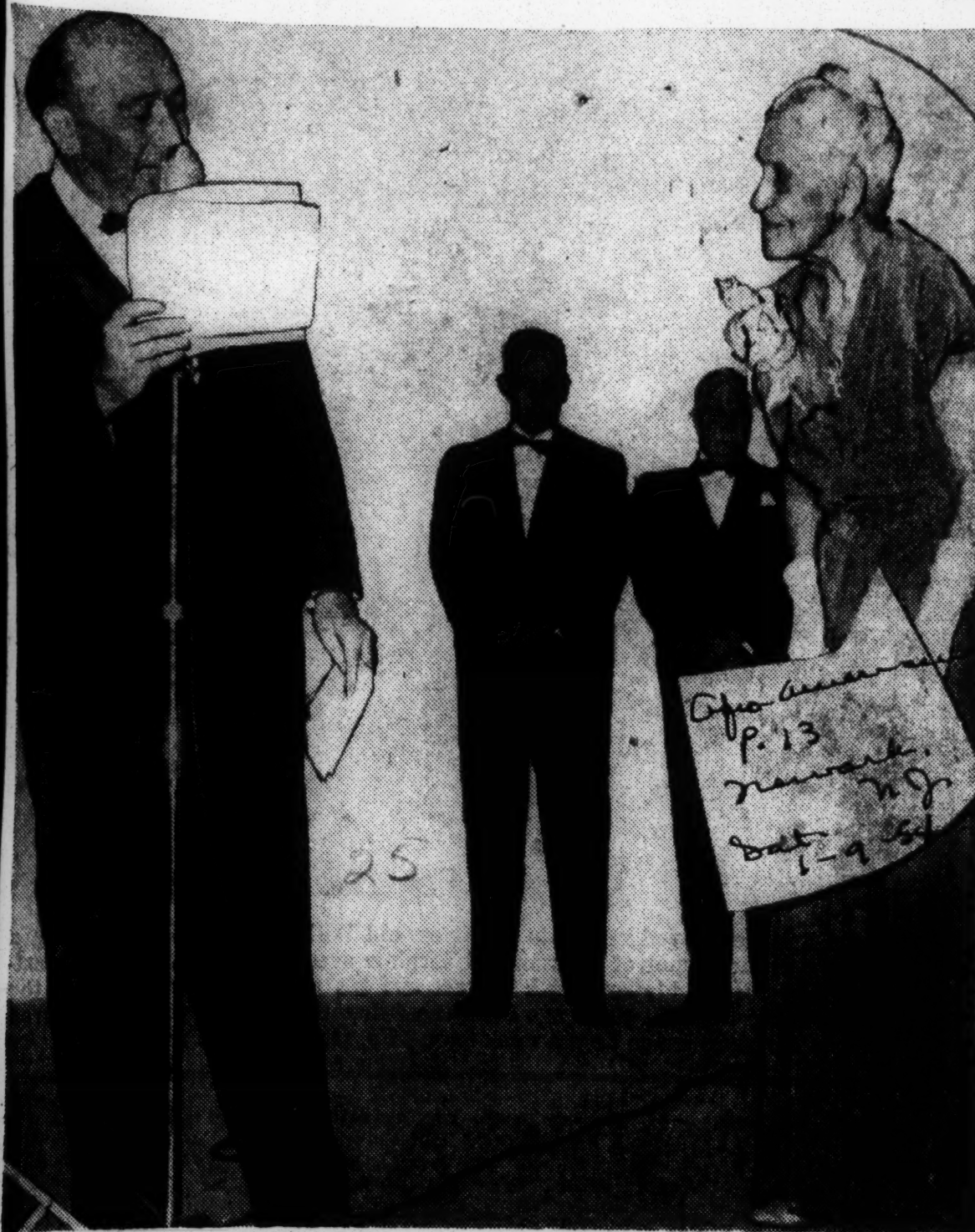
"I have never had a moment's trouble with any colored person who has worked for me. I have loaned them money. In fact I came up on a farm where I played with colored boys."

Asked to comment on the Supreme Court's school segregation decision, Mr. Thrift said: "I think it's an error. I feel that you people are better off to enjoy your rights among yourselves."

"For over 50 years we have operated under a decision of the Supreme Court rendered by one of the ablest courts we have had and that court distinctly held colored schools are for colored people and white schools are for white."



DR. MARY CHURCH TERRELL



**COTILLION HIGHLIGHT**—Dr. Mary Church Terrell, who was awarded the Diamond Cross of

Malta at the fifth Christmas Cotillion in Philadelphia, is shown as citation was being

read by Samuel Daroff, chairman of the Governor's Commission on Industrial Race Relations.

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phia."

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### King of Dreams

Eugene de Miranda portrayed the king of dreams in the sparkling spectacle whose story development and production are credited to Dr. Jones.

The story of the original ballet fantasy centers around a dream of Queen Palete a yong ruler. The king of dreams demands that the queen's dream be one of loveliness. When evil figures appear the king fights his marshal to death.

Several of the participants doubled as directors. Sydney King was choreographer in scene one, "The Valley of Pearls," in which she danced the principal role.

She directed the ballet in scene two, "The King of Dreams," in which Faye Peamon danced the lead. Miss Peamon directed the

pageant.

### 'Feline Fantasy'

Choreographer Vivienne Certaine in scene three, "Caribbean Festival of Dreams," was one of the dancers of the mask. Choreographer in "Feline Fantasy" was by Eleanor Harris, a principal dancer along with Miss Certaine.

Leigh Parham, who danced the title role, was choreographer for "Knightmayr," scene four. Coordinator of the entire fantasy, he also appeared as the victor over the vanquished in the finale of the scene.

Jerome B. Gaymon was director and choreographer. Patrick Clarke was cotillion master.

Featured in the musical offerings were Lafayette H. Coble at the organ, Elaine Owens, leading soprano of Dra Mu opera company, and Cecile Roberts Washington pianist. Miss Roberts made her debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by William R. Smith.

### Tree-Lighting Ceremonies

Mrs. Geneva K. Valentine officiated at the tree-lighting ceremonies, entitled "With These Stars." She is past national president of the Association of Business and Professional Women.

Escorting her were members of the Philadelphia chapter of the association. They included:

Mesdames Edith L. Davidson, president; Eunice L. Burch, Nellie E. Holland, Helen Moore, Chariety Dandridge, C. Frances Jones, Lelia M. Jackson Mabel D. Gates, Van Grimes, Cathryn S. Richards;

Beatrice Perry, Viola K. Carter, Carmelia P. Watson, Geraldine Burress, Genevieve S. Jones, Mae Ferguson, Arsie L. Kennedy, Lenore Strange; Misses Arleathia Overton and Catherine Williams.

### World Representatives

Among the 24 representatives of nations of the world were Raymond P. Alexander, honorary consul of Haiti, and Robson R. Reynolds, consul of Liberia. They were accompanied by their wives. Others were:

Ambassador Guillermo S. Sacasa, Nicaragua; Ambassador and Mrs. S. N. Haksar, India; E. Th. R. Van Baarba, Consul, and Mrs. Baarba, and Charles S. Bayer Jr. and Mrs. Bayer, The Netherlands; Carlo Christenson, cultural attache, Denmark;

Lt. Gen. and Mrs. E. K. Smart, Australia; Dr. Ludovico Di San Pietro, consul general, Italy; Rouhi Jamil, consul general, Syria; Ba Mauno, consul, Bur-



ma; Eliezer Doron, consul, Israel; Jose B. Henriques vice consul, Portugal;

Jacques Leroux, consul, Belgium; Robert D. Abrahams, consul, Dominican Republic; Senora Elizabeth de Macedo Sodre, Brazil; Raoul Blondeau, consul of France, and Mrs Blondeau;

Nicholas Pedrosa consul of El Salvador, and Senora Pedrosa; Francisco C. Valez, consul of Ecuador, and Senora Valez; Raul B. G. De Alba, consul of Mexico, and Senora De Alba;

Maurice J. Rohrbach, consul of Switzerland, and Madame Rohrbach; Edmundo Nova, consul of Uruguay; Guillerma T. Rodil, consul of Venezuela; Isidor Ostroff, honoray consul of Guatemala and Senora Ostroff.

#### National, State, Local

National, state and local representatives were:

Mrs. Jane M. Spaulding, assistant to director of federal department of health, education and welfare; Walter Phillips city representative; Judge Louise E. Levinthal; George H. Black, chief, state division of supervision and licensing department of welfare;

E. Washington Rhodes, member, state board of parole; Dr. William H. Gray Jr., executive director, Governor's commission on Industrial Race Relations, and Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, commissioner of records.

## MARY CHURCH TERRELL TAKES STAND FOR LAWYERS' GUILD

Says This Organization Offered Her Support When She Launched Fight Against D. C. Jim Crow

### ORGANIZATION STRONG FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell's proposal to designate the National Lawyers Guild as a "subversive" organization was protested last week by the Coordinating Committee for the Enforcement of the D. C. Anti-Discrimination Laws.

In a letter to Brownell, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, chairman of the committee, reviewed the part the Guild played in ending discrimination in Washington eating places.

Mrs. Terrell was one of the persons whose complaints against a local Thompson restaurant launched a test case of the District's so-called "lost" anti-discrimination laws. The case ended when the Supreme court in June upheld the validity of the 1873 law and so compelled District eating places to serve all well-behaved persons regardless of race.

It was the District of Columbia chapter of the Guild which issued the first legal opinion on the validity of the old statutes, Mrs. Terrell pointed out. "This opinion was signed by the late Charles B. Houston, Judge James A. Cobb, Herbert Thatcher and Joseph A. Foror as well as by other lawyers of distinction, all of whom were members of the Guild," Mrs. Terrell said.

"The Guild was also the first organization to call upon the District Commissioners to enforce the anti-discrimination acts of 1872 and 1873," she continued.

"Since the Coordinating Committee was founded," Mrs. Terrell said, "representatives of the Guild have been among the Committee's most devoted members. The Committee, without charge, legal

advice and services which have been of incalculable benefit to the Committee.

"Our experience with the Guild has convinced us that so far as

being 'subversive,' it is an organization which is dedicated to democratic principles and which acts on these principles."

She pointed out that the Guild has no racial restrictions upon membership and has "stalwartly" supported the cause of racial equality.

Brownell's proposal, Mrs. Terrell warned, may induce persons and organizations "not to oppose existing practices and mores no matter how unjust they may be. For they will understand that the cost of fighting for equality may well be to incur the label 'subversive'."

Pointing out that some hotels have recently inaugurated a non-discriminatory policy, the letter stated "that others are still hesitant and uncertain as to when to take the step."



### Orchids for Dr. Mary C. Terrell

ATLANTA, Ga.—Dr. Mary Church Terrell of Washington, D. C., at 91, is still one of the most aggressive leaders in the country.

She is now leading a crusade to free Mrs. Rosa Ingram from her confinement in a Georgia prison cell where Mrs. Ingram is serving time for killing a man who attempted to seduce her.

Dr. Terrell is using the prayer method. I have implicit confidence in that method. It is the method used by countless numbers in days gone by.

It is the method Jesus used when his enemies sought to disrupt his program. It is the method used by Daniel in the den of Lions; it is the method used by Paul and Silas in the Phillipian jail; it is the same method used by the church to free Peter from prison; it is the same method used by Jesus at the grave of Lazarus; it is the same method used by the Israelites in Egypt and by the Negroes from American slavery.

The climax of this crusade will be on Mother's Day on the steps of the Georgia State Capitol.

This is what Dr. Terrell calls a "Prayer Crusade." She is asking people who know the worth of prayer to join the crusade to free a woman and her two sons for protecting herself against a white sharecropper.

May we urge our people to send up a prayer Sunday, May 9, between 11:30 A. M. and 12 Noon for the freedom of Mrs. Rosa Ingram and her two sons, Wallace and Sammie Lee.

If Dr. Mary Church Terrell at 91 can go from Washington to Atlanta, Ga., for this cause, we should have enough pride in the womanhood of the race to offer prayer in our home and local churches in the same spirit.



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Presentation of a gift to Heritage House, special project of the society, was made by Raymond J. Leslie, chairman of the finance committee. Ed R. Harris, temporary chairman of Heritage House, also accepted with praise for the honor guest.

## King of Dreams

Eugene de Miranda portrayed the king of dreams in the sparkling spectacle whose story development and production are credited to Dr. Jones.

The story of the original ballet fantasy centers around a

dream of Queen Palete a yong ruler. The king of dreams demands that the queen's dream be one of loveliness. When evil figures appear the king fights his marshal to death.

Several of the participants doubled as directors. Sydney King was choreographer in scene one, "The Valley of Pearls," in which she danced the principal role.

She directed the ballet in scene two, "The King of Dreams," in which Faye Peamon danced the lead. Miss Peamon directed the pageant.

## 'Feline Fantasy'

Choreographer Vivienne Certaine in scene three, "Caribbean Festival of Dreams," was one of the dancers of the mask. Chore-

ographer in "Feline Fantasy" was by Eleanor Harris, a principal dancer along with Miss Certaine.

Leigh Parham, who danced the title role, was choreographer for "Knightmayr," scene four. Coordinator of the entire fantasy, he also appeared as the victor over the vanquished in the finale of the scene.

Jerome B. Gaymon was director and choreographer. Patrick Clarke was cotillion master.

Featured in the musical offerings were Lafayette H. Coble at the organ, Elaine Owens, leading soprano of Dra Mu opera company, and Cecile Roberts Washington pianist. Miss Roberts made her debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by William R. Smith.

## Tree-Lighting Ceremonies

Mrs. Geneva K. Valentine officiated at the tree-lighting ceremonies, entitled "With These Stars." She is past national president of the Association of Business and Professional Women.

Escorting her were members of the Philadelphia chapter of the association. They included:

Mesdames Edith L. Davidson, president; Bunice L. Burch, Nellie E. Holland, Helen Moore, Chariety Dandridge, C. Frances Jones, Lelia M. Jackson, Mabel D. Gates, Van Grimes, Cathryn S. Richards;

Beatrice Perry, Viola K. Carter, Carmetia P. Watson, Geraldine Burress, Genevieve S. Jones, Mae Ferguson, Arsie L. Kennedy, Lenore Strange; Misses Arleathia Overton and Catherine Williams.



**HONORED BY PHILADELPHIANS**—Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, who led the fight to wipe out jim crow in eating places in the nation's capital, was honored last Wednesday at the fifth annual Cotillion by being presented the Gold Cross of Malta.

## World Representatives

Among the 24 representatives of nations of the world were Raymond P. Alexander, honorary consul of Haiti, and Robson R. Reynolds, consul of Liberia. They were accompanied by their wives. Others were:

Ambassador Guillermo S. Sacasa, Nicaragua; Ambassador and Mrs. S. N. Haksar, India; E. Th. R. Van Baarba, Consul, and Mrs. Baarba, and Charles S. Bayer Jr. and Mrs. Bayer, The Netherlands; Carlo Christenson, cultural attache, Denmark;

Lt. Gen. and Mrs. E. K. Smart, Australia; Dr. Ludovico Di San Pietro, consul general, Italy; Rouhi Jamil, consul general, Syria; Ba Mauno, consul, Burma; Eliezer Doron, consul, Israel; Jose B. Henriques, vice consul, Portugal;

Jacques Leroux, consul, Belgium; Robert D. Abrahams, consul, Dominican Republic; Senhora Elizabeth de Macedo Sodre, Brazil; Raoul Blondeau, consul of France, and Mrs. Blondeau;

Nicholas Pedroso, consul of El Salvador, and Senora Pedroso; Francisco C. Valez, consul of Ecuador, and Senora Valez; Raul B. G. De Alba, consul of Mexico, and Senora De Alba;

Maurice J. Rohrbach, consul of Switzerland, and Madame Rohrbach; Edmundo Nova, consul of Uruguay; Guillerma T. Rodil, consul of Venezuela; Isidor Ostroff, honorary consul of Guatemala and Senora Ostroff.

## National, State, Local

National, state and local representatives were:

Mrs. Jane M. Spaulding, assistant to director of federal department of health, education and welfare; Walter Phillips, city

representative; Judge Louise E. Levinthal; George H. Black, chief, state division of supervision and licensing department of welfare;

E. Washington Rhodes, member, state board of parole; Dr. William H. Gray Jr., executive director, Governor's commission on Industrial Race Relations, and Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, commissioner of records.



# Mary Church Terrell Honored At Cotillion

By ARNOLD DE MILLE

PHILADELPHIA — Dr. Mary Church Terrell, 90-year-old defender of human rights, was honored here last week by the Philadelphia Cotillion Society at its 5th annual Christmas festival and was presented with the society's highest yearly achievement award, the Diamond Cross of Malta.

Regarded the city's most spectacular holidays event, some 7,000 enthusiastic patrons swelled the huge Convention Hall to witness to sparkling, glittering pageant, featuring an original ballet fantasy "King of Dreams," the debut of a 19-year old organist at the Hall's great organ, Lafayette Henry Cable, the presentation of the jeweled award to the guest of honor and an exhibition of ballroom dancing by some 150 youngsters, the young ladies all in white evening gowns and their partners in tails.

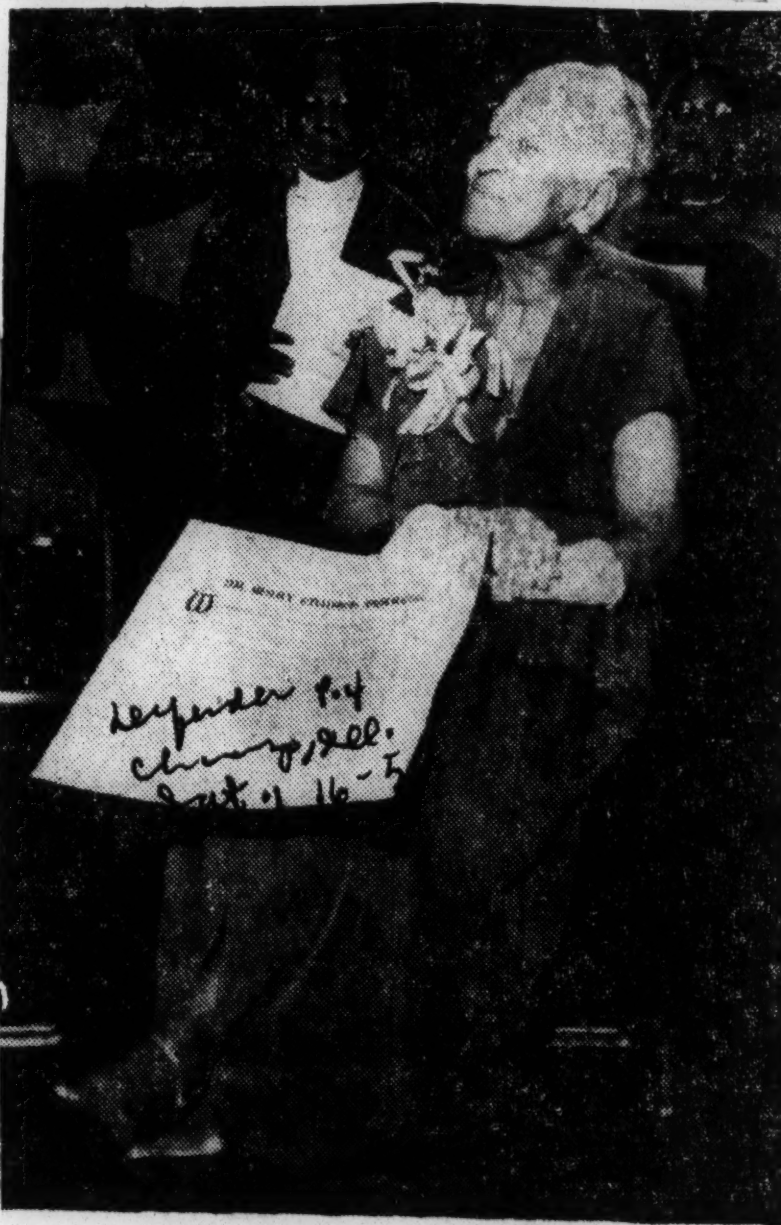
"King of Dreams," the work of Dr. Eugene Wayman Jones, director of the Society, is an exciting tale in dance and music. The production was truly delightful, with magnificent multicolored costumes involving some 800 youngsters from the schools of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, completely integrated supplied the music.

Dr. Terrell was honored for her nearly 66 years of "unrelenting activity in behalf of a downtrodden minority."

She graduated from Oberlin college in 1884 and the first Negro appointed to the Board of Education in the District of Columbia. She is co-founder of the NAACP, founder-president of the National Association of Colored Women, president of the National Association of Colored Women, presi-

dent of the Southwest Community House in D. C., secretary of the Race Relations Committee, Washington Federation of Churches and author of "A Colored Woman in a White World."

Dr. Terrell was one of those who, in 1951, brought the test case challenging the validity of the



MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL

1872 and 1873 Civil Rights statutes, which last year resulted in the opening of Washington restaurants to all, regardless of race.

Last year Dr. Terrell challenged the segregation rule in the D. C. theatres and initiated the movement that brought about the termination of such practices. Today D. C. Theatres are open to all.

7,000 ATTEND

Among the 7,000 attending the cotillion were well known social civic and community leaders from

New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, Thomas, of Chicago, national president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, flew in the day of the event.

Mrs. Cordelia Green Johnson, president of the National Beauty Culturists League, headed a group of 16 from Jersey City, and Mrs. Jane Morrow Spaulding, assistant to the Director of U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, came in with a party of 56 from D. C.

Also present were diplomatic representatives from 24 countries. They were led in a procession by

the Nicaraguan ambassador, Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa, and the S. N. Haksar, minister of India.

Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, accepted a donation from the society for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

## Mrs. Terrell Is Honored

PHILADELPHIA—(ANP)— The Philadelphia Cotillion Society's Diamond Cross of Malta last week was awarded to Mrs. Mary Church Terrell for her "unrelenting activity in behalf of human rights."

Mrs. Jessie Vann, newspaper publisher, presented the award to Mrs. Terrell during the Society's Fifth Annual Christmas Cotillion at Convention Hall here.

In accepting the award, the 90-year-old Mrs. Terrell declined to "If I have learned anything this make a speech, saying simply: evening it is that we can do much to help ourselves."

### TOO MODEST

If Mrs. Terrell were to modest to talk, her admirers were not; for they spent a good portion of the evening lauding her efforts in behalf of fellow citizens.

Mrs. Terrell came in for particular praise for her recent fight in challenging the practice of District of Columbia restaurants of denying service to Negroes.

The staunch fighter took her battle to the U. S. Supreme Court. That august body upheld her contention, ruling that the so-called lost laws of the 1870's were valid and enforceable. Because of her right, Negroes in D. C. today are eating in most D. C. establishments.

Mrs. Terrell also was instrumental in ending segregation in movie theaters in D. C.

Samuel Daroff, chairman of the Governor's Commission for Industrial Race Relations, gave the citation. Richardson Dilworth, district attorney, brought greetings from the city.

Also paying tribute to Mrs. Terrell was Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, of

which she was one of the founders.

Preceding the award to Mrs. Terrell, some 600 young Philadelphians presented the ballet-fantasy "King of Dreams."

The traditional Christmas Cotillion with the young ladies in white gowns and the gentlemen in white ties and tails concluded the program.



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MR. JESSE O. THOMAS

## Jesse O. Thomas *more* Attends Rich's Stockholders Meet *again*

Jesse O. Thomas was among the group attending the stockholders meeting at Rich's Department store here Tuesday. The store reported a record business year which ranged over \$56 million in sales for 1953.

Mr. Thomas, pioneer Atlantan, has been a stockholder in the company *for more than a decade*. Due to the fact that Mr. Thomas has interest of the American Red Cross, for years been traveling in the in-the Urban League, he has not been able to attend these meetings. He said that he was impressed at the meeting and saw no reason why it should not be a general pattern for people to purchase stock in firms of this type.



## To Erect Plaque To Alabama Woman Educator

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. Feb. 9 — (Special) — Birmingham board of education has voted to erect a bronze plaque in memory of a woman who spent her childhood as a slave but later became an outstanding Negro educator.

The board voted to place a gold-inscribed plaque on the cornerstone of the modern public school which bears the name of Carrie Tuggle, active in education and orphan welfare work in Birmingham for many years before her death in 1924.

The school stands on the site of the orphanage and school which Carrie Tuggle founded in 1908.



# County To Honor Lawyer's Memory

## Will Hang Portrait In Courthouse

Late T. C. Walker's  
Likeness To Adorn  
Gloucester Walls

By *Journal and Guide*  
ANDREW BOWEN  
GLOUCESTER, Va. — The  
walls of historic Gloucester  
county courthouse, where  
hang the portraits of Virgin-  
ians who have helped shape  
the destiny of the county, the  
state and the nation, will  
soon receive their first like-  
ness of a Negro.

The man, whose memory will  
be honored by the placing of his  
portrait beside those of 52 other  
men who have made a valued  
contribution to the development  
of the state is the late Thomas  
Calhoun Walker, who at his  
death several months ago was  
the state's oldest practicing  
lawyer.

*Lat. 5-1-54*  
THE GLOUCESTER county  
courtroom was filled to capaci-  
ty Thursday afternoon when the  
portrait was presented to Judge  
Lewis Jones of the 13th Judi-  
cial Circuit of Virginia.

Catesby G. Jones, judge of  
the trial justice court of Glou-  
cester, made the presentation

'A First' For A Virginia Courthouse



### IN FOND REMEMBRANCE

History was made in Gloucester County Courthouse last Thurs-  
day when a likeness of the late Lawyer Thomas Calhoun Walk-  
er was presented to Judge Lewis Jones, judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, to be  
placed upon the walls of his courtroom. This is the first time the likeness of a Negro has  
hung in the "hall of fame" of a Virginia Courthouse.

Catesby G. Jones, right, judge of the Trial Justice Court of Gloucester, made the pre-  
sentation on behalf of Lawyer Walker's family, to Judge Lewis Jones, standing left of the  
portrait.

on behalf of the family of  
Lawyer Walker.

In his review of the long and  
useful career of Lawyer Walk-  
er, Judge Jones declared that  
he had been not only an emi-  
nent Gloucesterian, but an emi-  
nent Virginian, whose influence  
in all things pertaining to his  
race extended far beyond the  
borders of his home state.

*Lat. 5-1-54*  
"I AM AWARE," he said, that  
among the pictures that sur-  
round us today, his is the only  
one of his race. How well he  
deserves that honor is attested  
by the general popularity of  
this occasion and by the fact  
that it has met with the formal  
and unanimous approval of the  
Board of Supervisors of this  
county."

Upon receiving the likeness  
of Lawyer Walker, Judge Lewis  
Jones expressed his pleasure at  
the idea of having it placed  
upon the walls of his court and  
said, "I deem it a privilege and  
honor to hang upon these walls  
the likeness of the dear, in point  
of service, of the Thirteenth  
Judicial Circuit of Virginia."

OTHERS WHO were inti-  
mate with the late Lawyer  
Thomas C. Walker and heard  
on this program included Mrs.  
Martha Cooper, New York City,  
formerly of Gloucester; the Rev.  
B. H. Gale, pastor, Antioch Bap-  
tist Church, Suluda; the Rev.  
Volley V. Stokes, pastor, Trini-  
ty Baptist Church, Baltimore;  
Dr. Thomas W. Turned, Hamp-  
ton Institute, and Senator W.  
Marvin Minter.

Before the program ended a  
letter was received and read  
from Dr. J. W. Ellison, presi-  
dent of Virginia Union Universi-  
ty.

Judge Lewis Jones notified  
the guests present that the like-  
ness of Lawyer Walker, just  
presented, will be placed upon  
the wall of his court in a day  
or two, as soon as the renova-  
tion and painting job, now un-  
derway, is completed.





## Honored in Retirement—

Forrester B. Washington center, retired director of the Atlanta University School of Social Work, is honored at a testimonial luncheon at the Hotel Statler, under the auspices of the New York Chapter, Atlanta

University School of Social Work Alumni. Left to right: Mrs. Helene Cave, chairman of the luncheon committee; Nelson Jackson, emcee; Mr. Washington, Mrs. Washington, and Whitney Young, dean, AU School of Social Work.—Campbell Photo.





IDA B. WELLS HOMES

## Famous Chicago Monuments

# 'City In City' Honors Ida B. Wells

By MERIDITH JOHNS

She was a slave for six months, though at the time, Ida Bell Wells didn't know it. She was born in Holly Springs, Miss., July 16, 1862, and Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was signed January 1, 1863. *See page 1-9-54*

She was facing the world alone before she was 15 years old, because her parents died during her 14th year. *Chump*

Then a student at Shaw university (now Rust College) Ida B. Wells took and passed a teaching examination. To support her seven younger brothers and sisters, she taught in the rural areas of Mississippi — riding a big white mule from place to place.

### SHE SAW A LOT

Young Ida Bell Wells saw a lot during her travels around the Mississippi countryside. She saw what few rights Negroes had, despite the emancipation. And she grew to know the horror of the lynch mob. She wanted to teach and tell the world about the Negro's plight as a man. She moved to Memphis in 1880 when she was 18 years old.

Ida B. Wells taught in the Memphis school system and wrote a column for the Memphis Free Speech and other papers in the South.

She lost her school system job because they fought the terrible inadequacy of colored schools. And the paper, in which she had an interest, was wrecked by a mob because of an editorial she wrote

which said in part "... The white women of the South are as much to blame for these so-called cases of rape as the colored men are..."

### TOURED THE NORTH

Already reknowned for her lectures and writings against lynching, Ida Wells was lecturing in New York when her presses in Memphis were smashed. She never returned to Memphis. Instead, she toured the North, telling the story of the bloody South to all who would listen. *See page 1-9-54*

From England, where she had gone to tell of the U. S. Negro, she came to Chicago to live in 1893.

Using Chicago as her headquarters, she helped found the NAACP in 1910; helped organize anti-lynching societies all over the

country — including one in England; became known as the "mother of Negro women's clubs;" fought for women's suffrage; helped curb the establishment of separate schools in Chicago; had audiences with President McKinley to protest lynching and conferred with President Wilson about discrimination against Negroes in Federal employ; served as the city's first Negro adult probation officer; helped found the Wabash YMCA and led the fight for Chicago's first Negro alderman and congressman.

### THE CAIRO INCIDENT

No lynching has occurred in the State of Illinois since a determined plea she made to the Governor following the mob murder of a Negro in Cairo in 1909.

Ida Bell Wells died in Chicago March 1, 1931. On October 27, 1940, a huge Chicago Housing Authority low rent project carrying her name was dedicated. The development was originally to be called the South Parkway Garden Apartments but an intensive campaign spurred by women's clubs throughout the city and state had the name changed to the Ida B. Wells Garden Apartments.

Covering 47 acres and housing 7,000 persons, the Ida B. Wells homes are a monument to a Chicago Negro. They commemorate a leader who walked most of her way alone and who braved countless threats and jeers — many of them hurled by her own people — in order that the American Negro might also be served by justice.





ARMINDA WILKINS

Welfare Department included supervision of the Bureau of Information and Inquiry. In recent years, she has been special assistant and consultant to the Commissioner in the central office. At the time of her appointment, she had been in charge of the Department's program for tubercular relief clients.

Without question, one of the best informed and leading workers in the welfare field, she works quietly, without fanfare, and obviously considers herself first as the wife of Roy Wilkins, noted NAACP executive and only secondarily an outstanding career woman in her own right.

Indefatigable community worker, her accomplishments have been many, both in and out of the department.—MAR. GUERITE CARTWRIGHT.

**W**ITHOUT exception, every New York daily carried the story: Mrs. Arminda Wilkins, crack social worker for New York City's Department of Welfare, has become its \$8,000-a-year executive secretary.

This was top news, for it meant that the attractive Mrs. Roy Wilkins, known to her friends as "Minnie," had been selected for an executive post which involved the dispensation of over a hundred and seventy million dollars a year—New York City's relief bill. (Just one of Harlem's Welfare Centers, recently built at a cost of one million six hundred thousand dollars, pays out a monthly allowance of nearly a million and a half.)

Mrs. Wilkins, who is secretary of the entire department, has been one of its high ranking members since 1933, working in various administrative

capacities. She entered the city service with an exceptionally rich background in group and family welfare work, having had experience as disaster relief caseworker in the American Red Cross, and later with the St. Louis and Kansas City Provident Association, where she organized its Neighborhood Group Work Program covering several city areas.

Early in her professional career, she was employed as a teacher of recreation in St. Louis, but she left this to accept assignments with the aforementioned case work agencies.

Her early experience in the